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THE EXAMPLE presented in the publication of the WORCESTER RECORDS, is, so far as my knowledge extends, the first, and at present the only one, in which the records of the whole period of proprietary and town governments of a place, together with all the recorded births, marriages and deaths within that time, are in print.

In 1876, when this undertaking was planned, the idea, now generally entertained, of reproducing town and other similar records in their minutiæ, was not only new, but in this particular instance, original. There had been two or three sporadic cases, but I did not know of these at the time. My attention was first drawn to manuscript records and the treasures they contained in 1869, and during succeeding years I gave some consideration to a purpose of subjecting this and similar material to minute classification, to make it accessible and available for use. The final conviction that nothing less than the duplication of the original complete would prove satisfactory, caused the abandonment of certain other projects, in themselves crude and inadequate to the desired end.

After the decision to print the Worcester Town Records or a portion of them in detail was reached, considerable hesitation and delay ensued, principally in consequence of the feeling that individual effort would not be able to sustain the work or carry it forward in such proportions as would be of practical benefit. The printing of the Town Records from 1722 to 1753 was undertaken in 1878 and completed the following year; and the Proprietors' Book with all the plans, the Town Records from 1754 to 1783 (including the Revolutionary Annals), and the Records of the Court of General Sessions from 1731 to 1737, appeared in quick succession. At this point publication was suspended, to await more favorable circumstances.

In 1884; some work was done at the State House in Boston, with the intention of including certain of the early archives of the Commonwealth with the Collections of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, but this project encountered remonstrances of such a nature that I abandoned it. Subordinate only to the main object of all these efforts in the direction of record reproduction was the purpose to gain for the Society a special reputation for practical work. I originated and applied the name SYSTEMATIC HISTORY to designate the accumulated results of undertakings of this kind.

During this period I prepared a plan, and suggested the passage of an Act by the Legislature, which would require the printing of their records by the towns in the State in such portions yearly as would not be burdensome until all to the year 1850 were printed. The valid objection to this

proposition was, that under injunction, the duty would be likely, in too many cases, to be discharged by incompetent hands.

The printing of the Worcester Town Records was resumed under an arrangement by which the City Council was to appropriate a nominal moiety of the expense of completing the portion remaining in manuscript, which it was estimated could be included in five printed volumes of three hundred pages each. In reality the aggregate number of pages has exceeded twenty-one hundred, but no additional appropriations have been asked for or received. The difficulty of calculating with exactness the amount of printed matter the manuscript would make, the large additions made to the Births, and the inclusion of the Deaths from 1826 to 1848, not at first contemplated, account for the large increase over the estimate.

To the friends who have approved and encouraged, or in a more material way assisted the undertaking, my sincere thanks are tendered. The work has proceeded at times under grave difficulties and depressing circumstances, and the moral support given is gratefully remembered and acknowledged.

FRANKLIN P. RICE.

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Worcester Town Records.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant on Monday the Fourth day of March, A. D. 1833.

Charles Allen, Esq. was chosen and presided as moderator.

Samuel Jennison was chosen Town Clerk, and sworn by the moderator.

The whole number of votes for first Selectman were 279.—of which number, John W. Lincoln had 201.—

The whole number of votes for the second do. were 318.—of which number, Alfred D. Foster had 194.—

The whole number of votes for the third do. were 240.—of which number, Guy S. Newton had 181.—

The whole number of votes for the fourth do. were 217.—of which number, Jonathan Harrington had 192.—

The whole number of votes for the fifth do. were 196.—of which number, John Flagg had 133.—

The following persons were accordingly chosen Selectmen.

*John W. Lincoln, *Alfred Dwight Foster, †Guy S. Newton, *Jonathan Harrington, *John Flagg.

Voted to choose three Assessors, and the following persons were chosen. *John Gleason Junr., *Fred. Wm. Paine, *Thomas Chamberlain, Assessors.

Voted to postpone the choice of Town Treasurer until the time to which this meeting shall be adjourned, as well as the consideration of the other subjects referred to in that article.

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* Sworn. † Affirmed.

Voted to postpone the choice of the School Committee until the same time.

Voted that the votes for County Treasurer be now received. The votes for County Treasurer were then received and were as follows, viz. For Anthony Chase 204. For Cyrus Stockwell 1.

Voted that the Assessors be allowed for their services the same sum as last year, and that they take an account of polls and property in the same manner.

Voted, to choose three Clerks of the Market, and the following persons were chosen. *Alex. G. Vottier, *James Worthington, Joseph Lovell, Clerks of the Market.

Voted to choose three Surveyors of Lumber, and the following persons were chosen. *Alpheus Merrifield, *Walter R. Bigelow, Lewis Bigelow, Surveyors of Lumber.

A Committee was appointed to nominate suitable persons for Surveyors and Measurers of Wood and Bark, who having reported, the following persons were chosen.

*Henry Wheeler, *Jonathan Wood, *Simeon Gleason, *Otis Corbett, *Ebenezer Ball, *Lewis Thayer, *Archibald Willard, *Rufus W. Newton, Lewis Brown, Harmon Chamberlin, *David Burbank, *Nathaniel Brooks 2d, Surveyors of Wood & Bark.

The following persons were chosen Fence Viewers. Lewis Chapin, *Benjamin Flagg, Uriah Stone, Daniel Harrington, *Timo. P. Moore, Fence Viewers.

The following persons were chosen Hogreeves and Field-drivers. William Lincoln, *Horatio L. Carter, *William M. Towne, Daniel G. Wheeler, *Albert Curtis, *William D. Wheeler, *John Gates, *Albert Williams, *Nathl. C. Moore, Isaac Davis, Thos. Chamberlain, *Ashley Moore, *Andrew D. McFarland, James S. Kettell, *Joseph Lovell Jun., Edward Curtis, *George W. Mower, *Charles Brooks, Rejoice Newton, Saml. M. Burnside, Joseph Patch, Jason Collier.

William Harrington was chosen Pound Keeper.

A Committee was appointed to nominate suitable persons for Fire Wards, who having reported, the following persons were chosen. Samuel Ward, Francis T. Merrick, Nathan Heard, Joseph Lovell, Rejoice Newton, Isaac Davis, Lewis Thayer, John W. Lincoln, Lewis Bigelow, Fire Wards, all of whom have signified their acceptance of sd. office.

Voted to postpone the choice of Highway Surveyors until the adjourned meeting.

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*Sworn.

The following persons were chosen Constables. *Joseph Lovell, *Billings Hobart, *Charles M. Deland, *Dorrance G. Wilder, *Edward H. Hemenway, Constables.

Voted to postpone the choice of prudential School Committee men until the adjourned meeting, at which time the several Districts are requested to nominate said Committee, excepting the Centre District, which it was Voted should be authorized to choose its own prudential School Committee.

Voted that the further consideration of the First article be postponed until the adjourned meeting.

Voted to postpone the consideration of the Second article until the same time.

The following persons were chosen a Committee to estimate the sum necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the Town, the current year, and report at the adjourned meeting.

Charles Allen, Alpheus Merifield, Otis Corbett, Committee of Estimates.

Voted to raise the same sum for the Support of Schools as the last year viz. $3,000—That Eight Hundred Dollars thereof be appropriated for the Grammar School—That Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars thereof be divided among the outer School Districts; and that the remainder of said sum be divided among the several School Districts in proportion to the number of minors in each District.

Voted, to postpone the consideration of the Fourth article [in relation to repairing roads and bridges] until the adjourned meeting.

The following persons were chosen a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer, Selectmen and School Committees.

Otis Corbett, Isaac Davis, Fred. Wm. Paine, Committee to settle with Town Treasr. &c.

Voted, to postpone the consideration of the Sixth article [reports of outstanding committees] until the adjourned meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Bells to be rung at 12, M. and at nine o'clock in the evening.

Voted that the Town will celebrate the anniversary of American Independence on the 4th of July.—and that the moderator nominate a Committee of Arrangements. The following persons were accordingly nominated and appointed.

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*Sworn.

Jonathan Harrington, Christopher C. Baldwin, Joel Wilder, Elijah A. Brigham, Daniel G. Wheeler Jun. Luther Burnett, Levi A. Dowley, Fred. Wm. Paine, Samuel Ward, Gardner Burbank, William N. Green, Jubal Harrington, Edward G. Kirkland, William Lincoln, Benjamin Flagg.

The amount to be appropriated for the last mentioned object was referred to the Committee of Estimates.

Voted, That neat Cattle, Horses, & Swine be restrained from running at large during the year.

Voted, that the operation of the Law relative to certain Birds, Pickerel & Trout, be suspended during the year.

Voted that the Town will continue to defray the expence of Burials &c. as during the last year.

Voted, That the Town will take charge of the Clocks of the first and Second parishes, and defray the expence thereof.

Voted, To postpone the consideration of the Fourteenth Article [to fix the time before which taxes must be paid], until the adjourned meeting.

Voted, That the Town will make an appropriation of money for the purpose of lighting the Lamps of the Lamp association; and to appoint a Committee to report at the adjourned meeting the amount proper to be so appropriated, and the following persons were chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Gen. Thomas Chamberlain, Silas Brooks, Lewis Thayer, Benjamin Flagg, John W. Lincoln.

Voted that the consideration of the sixteenth article ["To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract with a Superintendent of the Poor for a longer time than one year."] be postponed indefinitely.

Voted, That the Committee for Building the School House on Thomas Street, be authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Selectmen, such sum as may be necessary for completing said House.

The following persons were appointed in pursuance of the eighteenth article, to take into consideration the Financial concerns of the Town, and the mode of raising Taxes and report at the adjourned meeting.

Lewis Barnard, Benja. Flagg, Charles Allen, Fred. Wm. Paine, Isaac Davis.

Voted that when this meeting adjourns, it be to the First Monday of April next at 2 o'clock P. M. and that the Town Clerk

post notices of said adjournment at the several meeting houses in the Town. The meeting was then adjourned.

A True Entry Att[s]. Sam. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden by adjournment from March 4th, on Monday, April 1, 1833.

Charles G. Prentiss, Esqr. was chosen Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year. (Fred. Wm. Paine Esqr. having been previously chosen & having declined.)

Voted to Choose Seven School Committee men for the Town, and the following persons were chosen.

Otis Corbett Esqr. Rev. Rodney A. Miller, Rev. Alonzo Hill, Rev. John S. C. Abbot. Rev. Fred. A. Willard, Genl. Thos. Chamberlain, William Lincoln Esqr. School Committee.

The following persons were chosen Highway Surveyors.

Capt. Silas Bailey, Simon S. Gates, *Newell Rice, *Joseph H. Dow, *Simon Hastings, *Taft Foster, *Benjamin Thayer, *Benjamin Porter, *Robert S. Gleason, †Guy S. Newton, *George Aldrich, *Francis Grout, *William Chamberlain, *Charles Blair, *Micah Johnson, *Curtis Rice, *Nathan Perry, *Nathanl Elder, *David Woodward, *Lewis Thayer.

The following persons were chosen the prudential School Committee for the several Districts of the Town, viz. For District No. 2. Levi Gates, No. 3. Henry Heywood, No. 4. Elisha Taft, No. 5. Nathan Perry, No. 6. Samuel Sturtevant, No. 7. Daniel Harrington, No. 8. Joseph Heath, No. 9. Cyrus Lovell, No. 10. Walter H. Davis, No. 11. Nathl. C. Moore, No. 12. Benja. Goddard 2d.

Robert S. Gleason was chosen Hog Reeve & Field Driver (and sworn.)

David Burbank was excused from serving as Surveyor of wood & Bark, and Lorenzo Webber was chosen to that office.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, and that the same abatements be made as the last Year, (viz. To those who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes within thirty days after the delivery of the Tax Bills to the Collector, Six per cent; to those who in like manner shall pay the same within sixty days, Four per cent; and to those who shall pay the same in One Hundred & twenty days, Two per cent.)

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* Sworn. † Affirmed.

Voted, That there be allowed to the Treasurer for his compensation the current year, One Hundred & fifty Dollars.

Mr. Allen, Chairman of the Committee of Estimates made the following Report.

"The Committee appointed at the annual March meeting, 1833, to estimate the Expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, report, that in addition to the sums raised for the support of Schools and the repairs of Highways, it will be necessary to raise the following sums to meet the current expenses of the year.

For the annual payment to Parley Goddard for wood	$106.20
For making Roads from Tatnuck to New Worcester, to Archibald Willard	787.80
For Do. to Rufus Shumway	202.00
Expense of Bridge on said Road	75.00
Damage to owners of Land	350.00
For making the Boylston Road, to Paul Goodale	740.—
For Do. to Rufus Shumway	737.50
Expense of making the Road from S. Salisbury's to D. Chadwick's—Estimated	1,000.—
For setting Trees round the Burial Ground, to Lewis Elder	14.00
Estimated Expense of the 4th of July	100.—
Ringing Bell and Expenses of Burials	230.—
Care of Clocks	30.—
Assessors and Treasurer's Compensation and abatements and discounts of Taxes	950.—
Payments of Poll Tax to the militia	170.00
Interest on demands against the Town	328.00
Repairing Bridge on Front Street	75.—
Expenses of the Poor	1,000.—
Contingent Expenses	500.—
	$7.095.50

All which is respectfully submitted

Charles Allen
Alphs. Merrifield } Committee of Estimates."
Otis Corbett

The above report having been read it was Voted that the amount of money reported by said Committee as necessary to be

raised to meet the current expenses of the year, be assessed upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the Town, *excepting* that which relates to the making of new Roads.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the Financial concerns of the Town, &c. presented the following Report.—

"The Committee to whom was referred the eighteenth article of the warrant for Town meeting to be held in Worcester March 4, 1833, beg to submit the following as their Report.—

For convenience they have divided their Report into several distinct heads.

First, of the Collecting and assessing the Taxes—

The Committee recommend the Taxes to be collected in the same manner as for several years past as to discount upon prompt payment, but they are of opinion that Interest should be charged when payment is delayed one month after the Discount has expired, and that the Treasurer be required to settle his account for Taxes committed to him for collection at the end of eight months from the date of committal.

With regard to the assessing the Taxes the Committee are of opinion that only one assessment of the amount voted by the Town should be made which would of course include the Highway Tax, The Committee are of opinion that making a seperate assessment of any money granted for a particular purpose is not only unjust, but illegal. The Tax act, which governs the assessors, limits the amount of the Poll Tax to $1.50 on each poll. By making a seperate assessment for the Highway Tax the polls always pay more than that sum, and if this is legally done with that Tax there seems no reason why the Town may not direct the School money, or any grant, to be seperately assessed, thus throwing a greater burthen on the Polls than the law allows, by making them pay more than $1.50, and to a poor man with several polls the Tax would be heavy and out of proportion.

On this part of the article the Committee recommend that the Town pass the two following Votes.

Voted, That the Treasurer and Collector for the present year be directed to charge one half per cent. Interest for each full month on all Taxes not paid in one month from the time when the discount ceases, until said Taxes are paid, and that he settle his account for all Taxes committed to him within Eight months from the date of those committed to him.

Voted, That the assessors be directed to make but one assessment of monies granted by the Town for the expenses of the

present year, and that on delivery of the several Road Warrants to the Surveyors of the Highways, they shall certify on said Warrants the sum the Surveyor is authorized to expend on the Roads contained in his warrant for their repair, and that the Selectmen, on the production of the Surveyor's warrant and his account of money expended, be authorized and directed to pay such Surveyor out of the Town Treasury, a sum not exceeding the amount certified by the assessors on the warrant.

Secondly—of the money when collected by the Treasurer.

On this head the Committee recommend that the Treasurer be required by his Bond to deposit the money as fast as received by him for Taxes, to the credit of the Selectmen of the Town, in one of the Worcester Banks, who shall draw for it in the usual way by Checks signed by a majority of them.

They also recommend that all the Town Bonds and Leases be put into the Treasurer's hands, and that it be made his duty to collect the Interest and Rents as they became due, depositing the same as recommended for proceeds of Taxes, to the credit of the Selectmen.

There exists, as your Committee are informed a vote of the Town directing the Town Bonds to be collected, as the present is a favorable time for doing this, we are of opinion that the Treasurer should be directed to collect them, depositing any sums received on them as advised for Taxes, &c.

Thirdly—As there has hitherto always existed much delay in and trouble in settling the Highway and School accounts, the Committee would recommend that the Selectmen be directed to pay no School or Highway money except upon Bills properly vouched. The Committee do not mean to say that any of the money granted by the Town has been diverted from its proper objects, tho' they are aware reports of that nature have been circulated not many years since. It is however certain that many of the Highway and School accounts have never been settled, and probably never will be.—Should the Town adopt the views of the Committee in this respect, it would then be made the duty of the Chairman of the Selectmen to keep an account with the Surveyors of Highways and School Committee men, and the accounts might then be easily settled every year.

The Town accounts have no doubt been correctly kept so far as they go, but as the Selectmen and Treasurer have only a cash account, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain whether the money has been always appropriated for the specifick purposes for which it was granted. We doubt, for instance, if the

expenses of the Poor Farm could be well ascertained, certainly without much trouble. Your Committee are of opinion that it should be made the duty of the Chairman of the Selectmen to keep regular Books of all the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town under their several distinct heads, and that these accounts be laid before the Town at their annual meeting for their inspection.

Fourthly—Of the Debt of the Town.

Your Committee are not exactly informed of the amount of the Debt now owing, but it is probably something near $9,300. Of this sum about $5,000 pays 5½ pr. cent Int. and the remainder 6. We are likewise ignorant of the amount due the Town on Bonds &c. but it cannot be far from the sum of $3,000. The Report of the estimating Committee will, we apprehend, show a very large sum to be raised for the current expenses of the Town this year, owing to the several new Roads voted by the Town, and ordered by the County Commissioners to be made, Roads being for general benefit of other generations as well as of this, we think that the burthen of making them should be spread over a number of years,—and for this purpose we recommend a part of the money required for this purpose be borrowed, and that the proceeds of the Town Bonds be also applied to the same object.

We also recommend that the several Town Debts be consolidated into one so far as may be practicable. From the information we have obtained we are enabled to state that money to lie for a number of years can be borrowed in Boston at an Interest of 5 % and probably could be so arranged as to repay it by instalments.

To carry the above suggestions into effect if the Town approve of them, we recommend that a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of borrowing money to such an amount as the Town may think advisable, on the best terms as to Interest and repayment as they may be enabled, the Interest however not to exceed 5 % pr. annum.—the money so borrowed to be applied to such purposes as the Town may direct—The said Committee, if appointed, to have sufficient authority to bind the Town in the usual manner to the repayment of the Loan, both principal and Interest.

Should the Town impose the duties on the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen which this report advises, he would in our opinion be entitled to a moderate compensation for the additional labour and responsibility which would be added to an office already sufficiently onerous.

We think the Town would save money by having their accounts kept properly, and at any rate they would have the satisfaction of knowing what was done with it.

Your Committee had intended to have extended their remarks to the Poor Farm and its Establishment; but upon reflection we have thought that subject did not fairly come before us under the vote of the Town appointing this Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted, By order of the Committee,

F. W. Paine."

The above Report having been read it was voted that the same be accepted.

Voted, that the amount of money necessary for the making of new Roads, be borrowed by the Town.

Voted that, in conformity with the recommendation contained in the foregoing Report, the several Town Debts be consolidated so far as practicable, and that a Committee be appointed for said purpose and also to borrow such sum of money as may be expedient.

Voted that said Committee be nominated by the moderator.

John W. Lincoln, Fred^{k}. Wm. Paine and Lewis Barnard were accordingly nominated, and appointed said Committee.

Voted to raise the sum of Twenty five Hundred Dollars for the repairing the Highways &c. within the Town the current Year.

The Committee appointed Nov. 12, 1832, to consider and report on the subject of the Highways &c. made by Alfred D. Foster, Esqr. a Report, which was read, and accepted, Subsequently, the vote by which said Report was accepted was reconsidered, and the question being again taken on the acceptance thereof, it was decided in the negative.

The Committee appointed March 4th, 1833, to consider and report the amount proper to be appropriated for lighting the Lamps of the Lamp association, made by Thomas Chamberlain, a Report recommending that the sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars be appropriated by the Town for that purpose, and that it be done under the direction of the Selectmen—which report was accepted, and it was Voted that said sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars be assessed upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the Town.

The School Committee, by David T. Brigham Esq. made a Report, which was read, and is placed on file.

A true entry, Atts. Sam. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a legal Town meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester holden at the Town Hall in said town, in pursuance of the foregoing warrant & notice, on Monday the First day of April, 1833, the votes for a Representative to Congess for District No. 5, were received, assorted, counted and declared, and were as follows.—

For the Honble. John Davis	178
For John Brown	40
For John Spurr	3

The meeting was then dissolved.

A true entry atts. Sam. Jennison, Town Clerk.

April 23d, 1833. Mr. Henry Wheeler was sworn as Sealer of Weights & Measures. Before S. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant on Wednesday May 29, 1833.

John W. Lincoln, Esq. was chosen moderator.

Voted in relation to the second article[1] in said Warrant. That the Selectmen be a Committee to take the subject thereof into consideration to examine the different routes proposed, together with the present roads, to confer with the County Commissioners and with individuals interested and report a state of facts, and their opinion at the adjourned meeting.

Voted to postpone the consideration of the third article[2] until the adjourned meeting.

Voted in relation to the 4th article in the warrant, to refer the subject to the Selectmen who were requested to report a state of facts and their opinion thereon at the adjourned meeting.

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[1] SECOND ARTICLE:—"To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the Road near Mr. Salisbury's House to the Road near Mr. Chadwick's House, as recently laid out by said County Commissioners, or petition them to alter the direction of said Road from the commencement of said Road to the Road running by the House of Mr. Daniel Chadwick, and south of the present location, or from the commencement of said Road to the Road near the House of Messrs. William and Silas Barber, and that the Commissioners will grant pecuniary aid to the Town in making the proposed Road."

[2] THIRD ARTICLE:—"To see if the Town will grant a further sum of money for the making the Road above referred to."

On the petition of John Green and others, the Selectmen made the following Report.—

On the Petition of John Green and others representing that they have made and opened a Street in the Town of Worcester, leading from Main Street to Summer Street in said town, and praying that the same may be laid out and established as a public Highway and may be known by the name of Central Street, the Selectmen of said Town of Worcester having considered said application, have laid said Road as follows; beginning at a point on Main Street five feet northwardly from the southwest corner of the House owned and occupied by Samuel D. Spurr, Esquire, measuring on the front thereof from the weather boarding of the corner, and which five feet are now covered by said House, thence running south 80° East, about fifteen rods to a post in the fence next to the west bank of Mill Brook—thence across said Mill Brook about two rods to the southwest Corner of the Brass Foundry building, so called, now occupied as a Blacksmith's shop—thence in line with the south end of said building, the fence as it now stands, and the south end of the Store on the west side of the Blackstone Canal, now occupied by Robert Earle and Company—S. 76½° E. about Sixty three rods to the intersection of Summer Street with the course of the line last above mentioned, —the before mentioned courses being on the north side of said Road—thence, by the west side of Summer Street, in a southerly direction Sixty feet—thence north 76½° west, about sixty three rods to the west bank of mill Brook aforesaid, thence north 75° west to the northeast corner of the Barn of Benjamin F. Heywood, thence north 80° west one hundred and fifteen feet to the intersection of Main Street—thence on the East line of Main Street forty one feet to the point first mentioned; the Said Street at the intersection of Mill Brook being fifty two feet six inches in width —The Selectmen were informed that Mr. Spurr in the purchase of his house, conditioned that he should occupy its present location for the term of ten years, one of which has expired, and the road has been laid out subject to this encumbrance for this term of time. No damages have been claimed, and said Road has been laid without any charge to the Town. This Road having been generally known as Central Street, the Selectmen have considered it expedient that it should continue to be known by that name, as prayed for by the petitioners. And as appears by the Records of the Town that the Road leading from Thomas to School Street bears the same name they recommend that it be changed, and the said Road be called Union Street.

By order of the Selectmen,

Worcester, May 29, 1833. John W. Lincoln, Chairman."

Which Report having been read, it was Voted that the same be accepted.

The consideration of the 6th Article in the Warrant [census of the town] was postponed to the adjourned meeting.

On the petition[1] of a Committee of Engine Company No. 4, the Fire Wards of the Town were appointed a Committee to enquire into the facts in relation to the subject thereof, and report at the adjourned meeting.

In relation to the eighth article[2] in the Warrant, the subject was committed to the Selectmen, and they were authorized and directed by the vote of the Town to take such measures in relation thereto, as they may think the interest of the Town requires.

The 9th article[3] was passed by.

The meeting was then adjourned to Thursday, the 20th day of June next, at 4 o'clock. P. M.

A true entry atts. Sam. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, on the 20th day of June, 1833, by adjournment from the 29th day of May last.

Voted. That in addition to the authority already granted, the Selectmen be authorized to borrow a further Sum, not exceeding Eight Hundred Dollars, if the same shall be necessary, for completing the Road ordered by the County Commissioners to be made from the Road near Mr. Salisbury's House to that of Mr. Chadwick.

On the petition of School District No. 5, the Selectmen made a report, whereupon it was Voted that the same be accepted and that the Town allow said School District the sum of one Hundred & Fifty Dollars, to be paid upon satisfactory evidence being offered to the Selectmen that the money has been faithfully expended in enlarging their School House.

The Sixth article [town census] in the warrant for this meeting was indefinitely postponed.

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[1] "That a more convenient Building may be erected for their use, and that the Engine may be furnished with a pair of wheels and shafts."

[2] EIGHTH ARTICLE:—"To see if the Town will approve or oppose the petition of a Committee of the Worcester and Stafford Turnpike Corporation, and of John Davis and others, for a new Road in the Town of Worcester."

[3] NINTH ARTICLE:—"To see if any further By-Laws are necessary for the regulation of the public streets, and to prevent rapid driving or riding therein."

The Firewards, a Committee on the petition of Engine Company No. 4, made a Report; that part of which recommending that a pair of Shafts be furnished for said Engine, was accepted.

The Report was then recommitted to the same Committee, with direction to report at a subsequent meeting a suitable place for a new Building for the accommodation of said Engine, and an estimate of its expense.

The meeting was then dissolved.

A true entry, Atts. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, on Thursday, the 20th day of June, A. D. 1833.

Voted that the Selectmen take into their consideration the subject expressed [revision of the by-laws] in the Warrant for the meeting, and report such alterations, amendments and provisions as they may deem expedient to be adopted at a future meeting.

The meeting was then dissolved,

Att[e]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

The Selectmen of the Town of Worcester by virtue of the authority vested in them by the Bye-Laws of the Town, have, on the petition of William Lincoln, Esquire, determined that so much of the public Highway called Lincoln Street, as is between the centre of the Gutter on the west side of said Road, and the west line of said public Highway, commencing at Lincoln Square, and extending Northwardly to the top of the hill near the dwelling house of Frederick W. Paine, Esquire, shall be deemed and considered to be a Foot or side walk, and the several Bye Laws of the Town for the preservation of foot or sidewalks from obstruction and from injury, are extended to the above mentioned part of said Highway. Dated at Worcester this first day of July, 1833.

	John W. Lincoln A. D. Foster Guy S. Newton	Selectmen of the Town of Worcester.
Recorded by S. Jennison, Town Clerk	Jona. Harrington John Flagg	

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote in Elections, holden in pursuance of the

foregoing warrant, on the eleventh day of November, being the Second Monday in said month, A. D. 1833.

John W. Lincoln Esq., Chairman of the Selectmen, presiding as moderator, the votes of the Inhabitants, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, were received, assorted, counted, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, and were as follows.

For Governor,

Hon. John Davis, Four Hundred & Seventy eight;
Hon. Marcus Morton, One Hundred & Fifty two;
Hon. John Quincy Adams, One Hundred & Seventy one.

For Lieutenant Governor,

Hon. Samuel T. Armstrong, Four Hundred & Fifty eight;
Hon. James Fowler, One Hundred & Fifty five;
Hon. Samuel Lathrop, One Hundred & Eighteen.

For Senators,

Samuel Mixter, Four Hundred & Sixty Nine,
Ira Barton, Four Hundred & Sixty eight,
Charles Hudson, Four Hundred & Sixty four,
Samuel Lee, Four Hundred & Sixty three,
Rejoice Newton, Four Hundred & Sixty one,
Charles Russell, Four Hundred & Sixty two,
Stephen P. Gardner, One Hundred & Twenty one,
Theodore Jones, One Hundred & Twenty three,
Tyler Batcheller, One Hundred & Twenty three,
Thomas Chamberlain, One Hundred & Twenty,
William M. Benedict, One Hundred & Twenty two,
Rufus Mixer, One Hundred & Twenty one,
Henry Prentiss, One Hundred & Fifty,
John Brown, One Hundred & Fifty,
John Spurr, One Hundred & Fifty,
Moses Wood, One Hundred & Fifty,
Payson Williams, One Hundred & Fifty,
Joseph Thayer, One Hundred & Fifty.

Voted to choose Six Representatives for the ensuing year. and that they be ballotted for seperately.

The Votes for the first were as follows.

Whole number, Five Hundred and forty six,

Alfred D. Foster had three hundred & ninety-Seven and was chosen.

For the second, the whole number of votes was five hundred and two.

Charles Allen had three hundred & eighty nine & was chosen.

For the third, the whole number of votes was four hundred and thirty four.

John W. Lincoln had three hundred & forty eight & was chosen.

For the fourth, the whole number of votes was four hundred & twenty nine.

Lewis Chapin had three hundred & forty five & was chosen.

For the fifth, the whole number of votes was four hundred and forty four.

Windsor Hatch had two hundred & Thirty nine, & was chosen.

For the Sixth, the whole number of Votes was four hundred and thirty three.

John Flagg had two hundred and sixty four, and was chosen.

The meeting was then dissolved,

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court, legally warned and holden on the 11th day of November, 1833; John W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Selectmen, presiding as moderator, the following Votes were given on the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Commonwealth in relation to the Third article of the Bill of Rights.

["As the publick worship of God, and instructions in piety, religion and morality, promote the happiness and prosperity of a people, and the Security of a Republican Government; Therefore, the several religious Societies of this Commonwealth, whether corporate or unincorporate, at any meeting legally warned and holden for that purpose, shall ever have the right to elect their pastors or religious teachers; to contract with them for their support; to raise money for erecting and repairing houses for public worship, for the maintenance of religious instruction, and for the payment of necessary expenses; and all persons belonging to any religious Society shall be taken and held to be members, until they shall file with the Clerk of such Society a written notice,

declaring the dissolution of their membership, and thenceforth shall not be liable for any grant or contract which may be thereafter made or entered into by such Society—And all religious sects and denominations, demeaning themselves peaceably and as good Citizens of the Commonwealth, shall be equally under the protection of the Law, and no subordination of any sect or denomination to another shall ever be established by Law."]

In favor of the article of amendment. Two Hundred and forty six 246

In opposition to said article 55

Said votes having been counted and declared.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester on Monday, Nov. 11, 1833, the foregoing Warrant and return was read.

The time of meeting named in the Warrant was erroneously stated to be *October* 11th.

The notifications certified to be copies of said Warrant, posted up at the places of publick worship stated the time of meeting to be November 11th.

The foregoing facts being stated to the Town, it was Voted to proceed to act on the business mentioned in the several articles of said Warrant.

Whereupon John W. Lincoln Esqr. was chosen moderator.

The Selectmen, by Jno. W. Lincoln Esqr. reported the following

Bye Laws to be observed in the Town of Worcester.

First. If any person shall play at any game of Ball, or strike any Ball with a bat stick or his foot, or shall throw any Ball into, in, about, across, or along any of the streets or roads in the Town of Worcester, he shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars.

Second. If any person shall throw any stones, brickbats, clubs or any other hard substance into, in, along, across, or about any of the streets or roads in said Town, he shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars.

Third. If any person shall use the pastime of running, rolling or driving a hoop in, along, across or about any of the streets or roads in said Town, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars for each offence.

Fourth. If any person shall set fire to any fireworks, other than Crackers, Squibs, Serpents and rockets composed of gunpowder, [in which] fulminating powder, spirits of Turpentine or other combustible matter is an ingredient, or shall throw any such lighted fireworks, or shall have any such fireworks in his possession, with intent to sell, or with intent to set fire to the same; or if any person shall offer for sale, sell or give any such fireworks, without license of the Selectmen of the Town first obtained therefor, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of Five Dollars.

Fifth. If any person shall smoke any segar or pipe, in any of the streets or roads within School District No. 1. in said Town, he shall for such offence forfeit and pay the sum of one Dollar.

Sixth. If any person shall expose himself in swimming or bathing in the daytime or one hour before sunrise, or one hour after sunsetting, in any part of the Blackstone Canal, within the limits of the Town of Worcester, or in any of the Ponds, Streams or waters within said limits, in view of a dwelling house or a street or highway, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay not less than Two Dollars or more than Ten Dollars, according to the aggravation of the offence.

Seventh. If any person shall throw a carcase of any dead animal into any part of the Blackstone Canal, or into any of the Ponds, Streams or Waters within the limits of said Town, or if any person shall leave any such carcase of any such animal to decay on the surface of the ground, or insufficiently buried therein, near any building, or any road or other highway in said Town, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, a sum not less than Five Dollars, or more than Ten Dollars.

Eighth. If any person shall coast, or run down, in, into, across, or along any of the Streets or roads in said Town, on any hand sled, board or other thing, upon the snow or ice, he shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars.

Ninth. If any person shall drive any horse, cattle, cart, or any wheel carriage of burden or pleasure, or wheel any wheelbarrow, or suffer or allow any horse, cattle, cart, wheel carriage or wheelbarrow to be on the foot or side walks of any of the streets in the town of Worcester, in which foot or sidewalks shall be made or determined on, as hereafter mentioned, such person shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of One Dollar, provided that this ordinance shall not apply to any person driving or passing to or from the travelled parts of the Highway directly to or from the yard or yards adjoining the foot or sidewalks.

Tenth. If any person shall place any obstruction on any foot or side walk, or in any of the streets or roads in said town, and allow the same to remain there without the consent of the Selectmen first obtained, therefor in writing, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not less than Two Dollars, or more than Ten Dollars.

Eleventh. No person shall hereafter saw any Fire wood, or pile the same upon the side or footwalk of any of the streets or roads in said Town, and no person shall stand on any such foot or sidewalk, with his wood saw or horse, to the hindrance or obstruction of any foot passenger under a penalty of one Dollar.

Twelfth. The foot or sidewalks within the meaning of these By Laws shall be such parts of the Highway as is within the curbstones thereof in all places where the same shall have been paved with Brick or stones; and also such parts of such highways as shall be specially determined upon, as and for foot or sidewalks by the Selectmen whenever such determination shall be recorded by the Town Clerk in the Book of Town Records.

Thirteenth. No person driving any carriage or any beast or beasts harnessed thereto, or riding on or after any horse, mare or other beast in or through any of the publick Streets or highways in the Town, shall suffer the said horse, gelding, or other beast, to go at an immoderate gait, so as to endanger persons standing or passing in said street, and every person so offending herein, shall forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not less than Two Dollars nor more than twenty Dollars; provided further, that all unnecessary riding or driving any horse or other beast at a faster rate than eight miles per hour shall be considered as a violation of this By-Law, and shall subject the person so offending to the penalties last above mentioned.

Fourteenth. If any person shall move any Building, Boat, or other heavy thing other than the usual carriages and travel common to publick roads, over any of the Bridges in said Town, without the consent of the Selectmen first obtained therefor in writing, he shall forfeit and pay for such offence the sum of Twenty Dollars.

Fifteenth. If any person shall in any manner injure for use any of the Pumps, either in the Highways or on the publick squares of said town, or shall throw any substance into any of said wells so located, [he] shall forfeit and pay for any such offence, a sum not less than Two Dollars or more than Twenty Dollars according to the aggravation of the offence.

Sixteenth. If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol or

other small arm, loaded with powder, in any publick street or near any dwelling house in said Town, other than by military companies when actually embodied, and at the time under the command of a commissioned officer, and by his order, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than Two Dollars or more than Ten Dollars for each offence.

Seventeenth. If any person shall carry a naked scythe attached to a snathe, in any of the publick roads or streets of the Town, between the time of the setting and the rising of the sun, he shall forfeit and pay not less than Five or more than Twenty Dollars for each offence.

Eighteenth. If any person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team to any of the trees planted in any publick highway or street or on any publick lands in said town, for shade or ornament, or to any iron or fence put up for the protection of said trees, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not less than One Dollar or more than Ten Dollars.

Nineteenth. If any person shall suffer any horse, cattle or team, or any beast harnessed to any wheel carriage to go at large without a rider or driver, on any publick street, highway, common or square in the town of Worcester, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars.

Twentieth. The Selectmen of the Town for the time being, are authorized, and it shall be their duty, to take care of all trees which may be standing or growing for ornament or use within the limits of the publick highways or streets, or on the publick lands of the Town; and any person who shall dig up, cut down, injure or destroy any of said trees which are now standing, or which may hereafter be placed within said limits, without the consent of such Selectmen first obtained therefor in writing, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence and for every such tree a sum not less than Ten Dollars nor more than Twenty Dollars.

Twentyfirst. If any owner of Real Estate on Main Street or on any other street in said Town, on which there are paved sidewalks, shall omit for twenty four hours after the fall of any snow to clear the same therefrom, so that no obstruction shall be occasioned to any foot passenger, such owner shall forfeit and pay for each offence not less than One Dollar nor more than Ten Dollars.

Twentysecond. All the foregoing penalties may be recovered with costs by action of Debt or by information before any Justice of the Peace of the County of Worcester, one moiety of all forfeitures and penalties provided by the Bye Laws of the Town of

Worcester shall be paid and recovered to the use of the Poor of said Town, and the other moiety thereof to the use of the person who sues or prosecutes for the same. And it is hereby made the duty of the several Highway Surveyors of the Town to see that the Bye Laws of the Town are enforced within their respective Districts, and to prosecute for all offences against their provisions which may come to their knowledge.

Twentythird. All former Bye Laws of the Town, inconsistent with the provisions contained in the foregoing articles be and the same shall be repealed from and after the time the County Commissioners for the County of Worcester shall have signified their approval of these Bye Laws,—provided that all former Bye Laws shall be continued and remain in full force so far as may be necessary for the recovery and collection of any penalty which may have been incurred for the breach thereof.

To the foregoing proposed By Laws, the following Statement was prefixed.

"The Selectmen of the Town of Worcester who were directed to consider the Bye Laws of the Town, have attended to the duty assigned them, and would respectfully report, that having examined the Records of the Town, they have embodied the existing Bye Laws with such alterations and such additional provisions as in their opinion were required for the welfare and good order of the Town.

Worcester Nov. 11, 1833.
John W. Lincoln
A. D. Foster
Guy S. Newton
John Flagg
Jona. Harrington
} Selectmen of the Town of Worcester.

Said Report having been read and considered, it was

Voted, That the Selectmen cause the foregoing Bye Laws to be laid before the County Commissioners for their approval and when approved that they cause a sufficient number of copies to be printed to be posted up in all the publick places in the Town, and that the Selectmen for the time being shall constantly cause one or more copies to be posted up in the Town Hall for the information of the Inhabitants of the Town; which said Bye-Laws shall be accompanied by Copies of the Law of this Commonwealth entitled "An Act to prevent damage from firing Crackers, Squibs, Serpents and Rockets" passed June 20, 1826, and an act entitled "An Act to secure to the publick the benefit of ornamental Trees," passed March 5, 1830.

Voted. That the use of the Town Hall be granted to the petitioners mentioned in the third article of the Warrant [application of Solomon Parsons and twenty others for liberty to use the Hall for Methodist worship], when not wanted for other purposes, on their paying such sum for the use of the same as the Selectmen may deem reasonable and proper.

Voted, on the representation of the Committee of arrangements for the fourth of July last, that they be paid the amount of expense incurred by them beyond the former appropriation, being Ninety Five Dollars and Ten Cents.

Voted. That the Treasurer be authorized to assign the mortgage made by Samuel Sturtevant & others to the Town, to any person or Corporation who may agree with the Treasurer to advance the amount due thereon.

Voted. That the Town will authorize the occupation of the new Burying ground for the burial of such patients as may die at the State Lunatic Hospital, and permit the same to be ornamented by the planting of trees and shrubbery under the direction and at the expense of the officers of that Institution; the manner of ornamenting said grounds to be such as shall be approved by the Selectmen.

Voted. That the Town Clerk prepare, or cause to be prepared, an Index to all the matters and things contained in the several Volumes of the Records of the Town, and that he be paid a reasonable compensation for the same, provided the expense shall not exceed Twenty Five Dollars.

Voted. That the Town will pay the expense of the Sidewalk on the north side of the Bridge near the Canal at Washington Square, being Seventeen Dollars.

Voted. That the Selectmen be authorized and directed, in behalf of the Town, to petition the Legislature to authorize the County Commissioners to sell the lot of land whereon the present Jail and Jail Buildings stand, on condition that they cause a suitable place of confinement to be prepared at the expense of the County, to be used as a common Jail.

On the petition of Thomas Harback, and after hearing the opinion of the Selectmen in favor thereof, as stated by them in writing, it was

Voted. That the alteration prayed for in the location of the road from near said Harback's Factory to Tatnick, be granted.

No report being presented, nor any petition, as contemplated

in the 12th article of the Warrant, the 9th & 12th articles[1] were passed over.

Voted. That the present Board of Selectmen be authorized to engage and contract with some person to be Superintendent of the Poor House for one year from next April.

Voted. That the Selectmen cause a reassessment of Damages for the laying out of a new Town road from New Worcester to Tatnick, and to do all other things necessary in relation thereto, for the reason assigned[2] in the fourteenth article in the warrant.

The meeting was then dissolved.

A true entry att^s^. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court, in conformity with the foregoing Warrant, on Monday, February 17, 1834, the following Votes were given for a Representative in Congress from the Congressional District Number 5 ["to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. John Davis"].

For Levi Lincoln, Four Hundred and Sixty;	460
For Isaac Davis, Ninety two;	92
For Charles Allen, Thirty five;	35
For Alexander Dewitt, Two;	2
For William N. Green, One;	1
For Thomas Kinnicutt, One;	1
For Charles Hersey, One;	1
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which having been declared, were sealed up in open Town meeting. The meeting was then dissolved,

Att^s^. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At this meeting J. W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Selectmen presided.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester,

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[1] ARTICLE 9:—Reports of outstanding committees.

ARTICLE 12:—Petition of George A. Trumbull and Lewis Bigelow for a new road from said Trumbull's house to the Grafton road.

[2] "The Report on the subject which was made to the Town last year, and accepted by them, not being recorded, and the original being lost."

holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, on Monday, March 3, 1834. John W. Lincoln, Esq[r]. was chosen Moderator.

Samuel Jennison was chosen Town Clerk and sworn by the Moderator.

The votes for Selectmen were as follows.

For the first Selectman the whole number of votes was 262, of which, John W. Lincoln had 258.

For the second Selectman, whole number of votes, 314, of which Guy S. Newton had 206.

For the third Selectman, whole number of votes, 303, of which John Flagg had 232.

For the fourth Selectman, whole number of votes, 357, of which Benjamin Butman had 244.

For the fifth Selectman, whole number of votes, 386, of which Samuel B. Thomas had 237.

The following persons were accordingly chosen Selectmen.

*John W. Lincoln, †Guy S. Newton, *John Flagg, *Benjamin Butman, *Samuel B. Thomas.

Alfred D. Foster and Jonathan Harrington, of the Board of Selectmen the last year, declined serving before the ballotting.

Voted to choose Three assessors, and the following persons were chosen.

*John Gleason, Jun., *Fred. Wm. Paine, *Alpheus Merrifield, Assessors.

Charles G. Prentiss was chosen Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

The School Committee, by William Lincoln, Esq., made their Report, which was read and accepted, and the following persons were chosen the School Committee for the current year. (Art. 6)

Rev. Alonzo Hill, Rev. Rodney A. Miller, Rev. John S. C. Abbott, Rev. Fred. A. Willard, Thomas Kinnicutt, Esq., Alfred D. Foster, Esq., Dr. Oliver H. Blood, School Committee.

The following persons were chosen Clerks of the Market.

John F. Clark, Alex[r]. G. Vottier, Charles Hersey, Clerks of the Market.

Voted to choose three Surveyors of Lumber, and the following persons were chosen. *Horatio N. Tower, Sam[l]. Harrington, Jun[r]. *Walter R. Bigelow, Surveyors of Lumber.

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* Sworn. † Affirmed.

Voted, to choose Five Fence Viewers, and the following persons were chosen. John Flagg, Eben. L. Barnard, †Guy S. Newton, John M. Earle, Lewis Bigelow, Fence Viewers.

Voted to choose Twenty Hogreeves and Field Drivers, and the following persons were chosen.

*Tim°. Johnson, Junr., *Charles Hersey, John M. Dollen, Josiah Perry, Clark Willington, Benj^a. Harrington, *George Curtis, Cyrus Lovell, *Robt. S. Gleason, Clement Read, *Jona. Gleason, Junr., Stephen Salisbury, Fred. W. Paine, *Wm. D. Wheeler, *Appleton Lesure, George Folsom, Edwin C. Conant, *Charles P. Chapin, James White, *Calvin Foster, Hogreeves and Field drivers.

A Committee was appointed to nominate persons to be chosen Surveyors and Measurers of Wood & Bark, who recommended the following persons, and they were chosen.

*Ebenezer Ball, Pliny Holbrook, *Horace Howard, *Thomas Harback, Nathl. Brooks 2d, Dana A. Braman, Joseph Pratt, *Henry Wheeler, *Charles Boardman, Elbridge G. Partridge, John M. Earle, Francis Blake, Nathan^l. Eaton, Surveyors & measurers of Wood and Bark.

Voted not to choose a Pound Keeper, and the Selectmen were authorized to appoint that officer.

A Committee was appointed to nominate suitable persons for the office of Firewards, and the following, reported by them, were chosen. Nathan Heard, Joseph Lovell, Samuel Ward, Francis T. Merrick, Rejoice Newton, Isaac Davis, Lewis Thayer, John W. Lincoln, Lewis Bigelow, Fire Wards. All of whom accept the office excepting F. T. Merrick.

A Committee appointed to nominate suitable persons to be Highway Surveyors reported the following, and they were chosen.

Rejoice Newton, Lewis Cutting, *Newell Rice, *Joseph H. Dow, James Campbell, Abel Flagg, *John Mann, *Walter R. Bigelow, Elisha P. Warfield, †Guy S. Newton, *George Aldrich, *Loring F. Perry, *Thomas Chamberlain, *Benja. Flagg, *Sumner Cook, *George Curtis, *Israel Whitney, Alden Thayer, *Artemas Ward 2d, Jona. Flagg, *William W. Patch.

The following persons were chosen the prudential School Committee for the Several Districts, excepting for District No. 1, wherein the choice is left to be made by the Inhabitants of said District.

For District No. 2, Micah Johnson. No. 3, Simon S. Gates. No. 4, Nathl. Brooks 2d. No. 5, John W. Lincoln. No. 6, Taft

*Sworn. †Affirmed.

Foster. No. 7, Eben^{r}. Read. No. 8, Eben^{r}. L. Barnard, No. 9, Jona. A. White. No. 10, Benja. Read. No. 11, Wm. Chamberlain. No. 12, Eben^{r}. Ball, prudential School Committees.

Voted to choose Five Constables, and a Committee appointed to nominate Suitable persons for that office reported the following and they were chosen. Joseph Lovell, Dorrance J. Wilder, Edwd. Hemenway, Charles P. Bancroft, Billings Hobart, Constables. [Sworn.]

The following persons were chosen a Committee to estimate and report at the adjournment of this meeting the amount of money necessary to be raised for the expenses of the Town the current year.

John W. Lincoln, Otis Corbett, Isaac Davis, Committee of Estimates

The following persons were chosen a Committee to settle with the Town Treasurer, Selectmen and prudential Committees. (Art. 7.)

Otis Corbett, Isaac Davis, Fred. Wm. Paine, Committee to settle accts. &c.

(Art. 1.) Voted to allow the Assessors the same compensation as the last year, they to perform the same duties; (that is, to take an account of polls and property as heretofore.)

(Art. 2.) Voted, that the Treasurer and Collector be allowed the same compensation as the last year, (viz. One Hundred and fifty Dollars.)

(Art. 3.) Voted that the same abatements on the payment of Taxes, be allowed, and the same Interest be charged when the payment is delayed, as the last year, (viz. To those who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes within thirty days after the delivery of the Tax Bills to the Collector, a discount of six per cent.; to those who shall pay the same within sixty days, a discount of four per cent; and to those who shall pay the same as aforesaid within one hundred and twenty days, discount at the rate of 2 per cent. Interest to be charged as follows,—"One Half per cent for each full month, on all Taxes not paid in one month from the time when the discount ceases until said Taxes are paid."

(Art. 4.) The consideration of the Fourth article [to raise money for current expenses] was postponed to the adjournment.

(Art. 5.) Voted that the Roads and Bridges be repaired in the same manner, and the money appropriated for the same be expended in the same manner as the last year.

(Art. 8.) The Votes for County Treasurer were received and examined and were as follows.

For Anthony Chase, Two hundred and ninety three.

Isaac Davis, Two. Charles Hersey, One. William D. Wheeler, One. Charles G. Prentiss, One.

(Art. 9.) Voted that the Town will continue to defray the same charges for Burials as they have done for the last year.

(Art. 10.) Voted that the subject of the sale of the new Burial Ground be referred to a Committee with instructions to consider and report on the expediency of selling the same; removing the remains of those interred there; and of procuring one or more Burying places in other situations, with such facts and recommendations as they shall think proper. A Committee was appointed to nominate suitable persons to be placed on said Committee, and the following persons recommended by said nominating Committee were chosen.

Samuel M. Burnside, Otis Corbett, John Coe, John P. Kettell, Jonathan Harrington, Thomas Kinnicutt, Henry Heywood, Charles Blair, Walter Bigelow, Benja. Butman, Levi Howe, Thomas Chamberlain.

(Art. 11.) The subject of enlarging or altering the Town Hall was referred to a Committee, and it was Voted that the Selectmen constitute said Committee.

(Art. 12.) Voted that the Town will defray the expense of lighting the Lamps of the Lamp Association in the Centre District for the ensuing year.

(Art. 13.) Voted that the Selectmen pay to John and Lucy Blake such a sum as they may think just and proper, as a compensation for their Beds and Bedding burned in 1831; (as set forth in their application on file.) [Small-pox infection?]

(Art. 14.) Voted that the Town will defray the expense of keeping the Clocks of the First and Second parishes in order during the current year and take charge of the same.

(Art. 15.) Voted that the Selectmen cause one or more of the Bells to be rung at noon, and at Nine o'Clock, P. M. through the Year.

(Art. 16.) Voted that Horses, neat Cattle & Swine be restrained from going at large within the limits of the Town for the year ensuing.

(Art. 17. [in relation to the game laws]) Voted to postpone the consideration of this article indefinitely.

(Art. 18.) Voted that the Town will not allow the Hay-Scales situated near the Town Hall to remain in their present location.

(Art. 19.) Voted that the Selectmen be requested not to grant

approbation for licenses to any persons to sell ardent Spirits within the Town, excepting to Innholders.

(Art. 20.) Voted that the Selectmen have charge of the Town Hall, and determine the Compensation, if any, which may be required for the use of it for all purposes for which it may be granted by them, as heretofore.

Voted, That the Selectmen be overseers of the Poor for the current Year.

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday the fourteenth day of April next, at 2 o'Clock P. M.

A True Entry Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, April 14, 1834.

Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen & presided as moderator.

(Article 2.) Voted, that the consideration of the subject of the Second article[1] be indifinitely postponed.

(Article 3.) Voted that the consideration of the subject of the third article [in regard to removing and enlarging the schoolhouse then standing near the public house of Joseph Lovell] be referred to a Committee of seven, and the following persons were appointed, with instructions to report thereon, viz. Nathan Heard, Charles Allen, John P. Kettell, Thos. Chamberlain, Lewis Chapin, Silas Brooks, Saml. Perry.

(Article 4.) The subject of the Fourth article relative to [widening] the Bridge in School Street, was referred to the Selectmen, they to take such order thereon as they may think proper.

(Article 5.) The consideration of the subject of a new street from Main to Summer Street[2] was postponed to the adjourned meeting.

(Article 6.) The Selectmen made report that they had laid out a new Road, commencing near the house of John Willard and running to the river road from Worcester to Millbury which was accepted, And it was Voted that the sum of Sixteen Dollars be paid to John Willard for completing the same.

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[1] "To see if the Town will take any measures to drain off the water from Mechanic street so as to prevent the same from settling into the Cellars of the neighborhood, and to raise money for the same."

[2] Petition of Southworth A. Howland and others for a street from Main street between the houses of Samuel B. Thomas and Widow S. Porter to Summer street between the houses of Anson Bramau and A. Johnson.

(Article 7.) Voted that the Selectmen take into consideration the subject of the Seventh article in relation to [petitioning the County Commissioners for the grant of] a lot of Land [in Lincoln Square] for an Engine House, and take such measures thereon as the interest of the Town may require.

(Article 8.) Voted that the Town adopt and confirm the several articles of the By Laws, viz. the 6 – 7 – 10 – 13 – 14 – 15 16 – 17 – 18 – 20 & 21st voted to be adopted in November last.

(Article 9.) Voted that the provisions contained in the 2d, and 3d Sections of "an act concerning the appointment of Engine men," passed March 1, 1834, be adopted.

(Article 10.) Voted, that the Selectmen determine on the expediency of creating a new Highway District from Israel Whitney's to Ward line, and act thereon as they may think proper.

Nath[l]. Brooks 2d was chosen Highway Surveyor, if said District is formed.

(Article 11.) Voted, That the Poor House, and the Buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging, be established as a Work House for the use and benefit of the Town.

The meeting was then adjourned to the first Monday in May next, at 3 o'Clock, P. M.

Att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester holden by adjournment from the 3d day of March, on Monday, April 14, 1834, the Committee of Estimates made the following Report.

"The Committee appointed to estimate what monies would be required to meet the necessary expenses of the Town for the current year, would report that in addition to the amount which may be appropriated for the support of schools, there will be wanted

for the support of Highways	$2000 —
for Damages for new Road from Tatnick to new Worcester	409 —
for making road from Mr. Salisbury's to Mr. Chadwick's	950 —
for Boylston Road	350 —
for Road from Mr. Salisbury's to Tatnick	1,720 —
for Ward Road	511 —
Leicester Road	350 —
Road near John Willard's	16 —
Ringing Bell & Expenses of Funerals	230 —

Care of Clocks	30 —
Assessors' and Treasurer's Compensation & abatement and discount of Taxes	1,000 —
Interest on demands against the Town	950 —
Expenses of the Poor	1,200 —
Lighting Lamps	325 —
Contingent Expenses	500 —
	$10,541 —

all which is respectfully submitted

John W. Lincoln
Isaac Davis
Otis Corbett"

Voted that the sum of Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars be raised for the support of Schools the current year, and divided in the following manner, Two Thousand, four hundred Dollars among the several Districts in proportion to the number of minors therein; Eight Hundred & fifty Dollars for the Support of the Grammar School; and Two Hundred & Fifty to be appropriated to the out Districts.

Voted that the sum of Two Thousand Dollars be raised for the repair of the Highways & Bridges within the Town.

Otis Corbett Esq. for the Committee appointed to settle with the Selectmen, and other Town officers, made the following report, which was accepted.

"The Committee chosen at the last annual march meeting to settle with the Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and prudential Committees of the several School Districts, have in part executed the duties of their appointment, and ask leave to make the following Report.

They have examined the accounts of the Treasurer (Capt. C. A. Hamilton) and find that he has credited the Town with the balance of the Tax of 1831, recommitted to him, amounting to the sum of 1,487.65

Likewise the Tax of 1832 amounting to the sum of	9,435.16
Also Interest, received of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, on money deposited amounting to the sum of	19.50
Making in the aggregate the sum of	10,942.31
He has charged the Town with the sum of	10,816.55
For which he produced satisfactory vouchers, leaving a balance of	125.76

due the Town, which he paid over to your Committee, which sum they have deposited in the Worcester Bank to the credit of the Selectmen. Your Committee have examined the accounts of the Prudential Committees of Districts No. 2 – No. 3 – No. 4 No. 6 No. 8 & No. 12, and find their accounts properly vouched, with the exception of some small items, and balances where there were any, paid over to their successors in office.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Selectmen would be a more appropriate Committee to settle the accounts of the prudential Committees of the several School Districts, than the one to which the duty was assigned, they therefore ask to be discharged from any further service.

All which is respectfully submitted

Otis Corbett

Worcester, March 1, 1834 Isaac Davis"

Voted that the aforesaid Committee be discharged from any further settlement with the School Committees, and that the Selectmen be a Committee to perform that service.

Benja. N. Child was appointed prudential School Committee for District No. 11, in the place of Wm. Chamberlain, who declined.

Samuel Harrington Junr. was chosen a Fire Ward in the place of Francis T. Merrick who declined serving.

*Darius Rice was chosen Highway Surveyor in the place of Abel Flagg who declined serving.

*Benjamin Porter was chosen a Highway Surveyor in the place of Walter R. Bigelow who declined serving.

*Seth Fisher was chosen a Surveyor and measurer of wood and Bark.

Ezra Goddard was chosen prudential School Committee for District No. 10, in the place of Benjamin Read who declined.

Clarendon Wheelock was chosen a Field driver.

Voted that the subject of the Compensation to be allowed for Labor on the Highways, be referred to the Selectmen and assessors who are directed to determine the same.

The Selectmen, the Committee appointed to consider of the expediency of altering the Town Hall, made a report, which was accepted, and in accordance with which it was Voted, that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

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*Sworn.

Fred[k]. Wm. Paine Esq. from the Committee for building the School House on Thomas Street, reported verbally the expenditure of all the money received by them, and was discharged at his request from further Service; Gen[l]. Nathan Heard was appointed in the place of F. W. Paine on the Committee for building said School House, and said Committee were directed to proceed and complete the service for which they were appointed in the manner heretofore prescribed by the Town.

Samuel M. Burnside, Esq. from the Committee appointed on the subject of Burial Grounds, made a verbal report, recommending the purchase of a tract of Land between new Worcester, and White & Boyden's factory for a Burial Ground; and it was Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase said tract of six acres, paying therefor Thirty five Dollars per acre.

It was moved that the vote of the Town requesting the Selectmen not to grant approbation for licenses to sell ardent spirits be reconsidered; but the Town refused to reconsider the same.

The meeting was then adjourned to the first Monday in May next, at 3 o'Clock P. M.

A True Entry Att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Mr. Perry & others, for a Road.

Upon the petition of Moses Perry and others, and of John Willard and others, for a new Road to be laid out between the middle of Millbury road near to the house of John Willard, and thence to the river road so called, two different routes being proposed, the Selectmen were fully of opinion that but one Road was wanted, and this more for private than for public accommodation. The approach to the village of Worcester would be most facilitated by a road on the route mentioned in the first named petition, and the distance would be less by 27 rods, but this would not accommodate the Messrs. Willards, who own considerable land on the west side of the Blackstone Canal, and who, if they were obliged to pass over this route in conveying to and from their land, manure and the products of the soil, would have their distance increased over one hundred rods, they prefer the route mentioned in the last mentioned petition, and in this all the Inhabitants in the Town of Worcester, who have any direct interest in this question, have agreed by their having joined in the petition. Some doubt might arise whether this road is not so much for private accommodation, as to be made wholly at private

expense ; and this opinion is in some degree acknowledged by Mr. John Willard who offers to give the land wanted on the route mentioned in the petition to which his name is affixed, and to make twenty five rods of the road, and would make the remainder, a distance of sixteen rods for one dollar per rod. The Selectmen in view that the making this short piece of way a town road, would reduce the distance by any existing public road, of several miles for several families to get to their district school house, considered it expedient that the Town should pay this small expense, and proceeded to lay out said road as follows : beginning on land of John Willard on the East Side of the River road leading to Millbury, at the West end of a Stone wall, which is on the South side of the present cart way used in passing to and from the farm bridge over the Blackstone Canal, thence in the direction of said wall north 87½° East 41 rods to a Stake and Stones north of the house of the said John Willard and on the West side of the before mentioned middle road—the said road is laid out three rods wide north of and adjoining to the metes and bounds above mentioned. And the Selectmen award to the said John Willard for damages for his Land and for making said road the sum of Sixteen Dollars to be paid when said road is completed.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

[*Cliff St.*]

John W. Lincoln
Guy S. Newton
John Flagg
Sam[l]. B. Thomas
} Selectmen of the Town of Worcester

April 14, 1834

Entered from the original S. Jennison, T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester holden May 5, 1834, by adjournment from April 14, when it was holden by adjournment from March 3d.

The Selectmen having made a verbal report of the amount of the Expenses of the Town during the last year, it was Voted. That a correct and detailed account of the Expenditures of the Town be prepared by the Chairman of the Selectmen, the Town Clerk and Town Treaserer, and published for the information of the Inhabitants.

Voted, that the report of the Committee of Estimates be accepted and the sum mentioned therein be assessed upon the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town, for the purposes therein mentioned viz. (Exclusive of the sum voted to be raised for the repair of Highways &c.) $8,541.

The Committee appointed to obtain a Loan of money for the Town reported that they had procured the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars from the Provident Institution for Savings in Boston, and had given two notes therefor, each for the sum of $5,000 of the following tenor.

"Boston May 15, 1833. For Value received from James Savage, Esquire, Treasurer of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston, we the Committee of the Town of Worcester, authorized by a vote of said Town of Worcester, promise to pay to the Treasurer of the said Institution the sum of Five thousand Dollars in ten years from date at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable annually at the Union Bank in the City of Boston, with Liberty to pay annually the sum of Five Hundred Dollars. John W. Lincoln

Attest Rejoice Newton Fred^k. W. Paine

Lewis Barnard"

The other note being of the same form and for the same amount and dated Decr. 1, 1833.

Voted that the Maps of the Town be distributed, one to each School District.

The following report was read and accepted.

"The Selectmen of the Town of Worcester, in obedience to the direction of the Town, have relaid out the Road from New Worcester to the road near the house of the widow of Jonas Johnson deceased, and have estimated the damages sustained by the owners of the land over which said road has been constructed who have made any claim for any such damages—the former proceedings of the Selectmen in the premises having been lost, and no record of their doings having been made on the books of the Town—They report the location as follows—Beginning at a Stake on the north side of the great post road leading from Worcester to Leicester, near and East of the Halfway Bridge so called at New Worcester, thence north 13°/. west to a white oak tree on the north bank of Tatnick Brook—thence North 13° East to an oak tree—north 15½° west to a pine tree—north 43½° west 54 rods to an oak tree—north 59° west 6 rods 19 links to a stake—north 75° west 15 rods to an oak tree—north 85° west 12 rods to a stake—south 85° west 5½ rods to a pine tree—south 87° west 18 rods to a stake—south 85° west 5½ rods to a pine tree—south 87° west 18 rods to a Chestnut tree—north 63° west 12 rods to a pine tree—north 64° west 10 rods to a stake—north 24° west 18 rods to a stake—north 26½° west 58 rods to a small maple tree—north 33° west 68 rods 20 links to a stake—north

28° west 65 rods, 6 links to a large pine tree—north 11° west 100 rods to a dry Hemlock tree—north 19½° west 125 rods 10 links to a stake and stones—north 1° west 24½ rods to a stake 3 rods eastwardly from the southeast corner of widow Johnson's House; all the before mentioned bounds being on the Eastwardly side of said monuments—the Roads being laid out three rods wide westwardly of and adjoining to the above mentioned metes and bounds, and within which limits the said road has been worked.

And the Selectmen have assessed as Damages for Land taken for said Road—To Widow Jonas Johnson the sum of Two Hundred and twenty five dollars—To Gideon Paine Thirty nine Dollars—To Lewis Bigelow Ten Dollars—To Lewis Barnard, Fifteen Dollars—To Simon Gates, one hundred and ten dollars—To Thomas Harback, Ten Dollars. The other owners of Land over which said Road passes, having claimed no damages, no compensation has been awarded to them, which is respectfully submitted By

John W. Lincoln
Guy S. Newton
John Flagg
Sam[l]. B. Thomas
} Selectmen of the Town of Worcester.

Worcester April 14, 1834

The meeting was then dissolved.

Att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden May 5, 1834, by adjournment from April 14, 1834:

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subject mentioned in the 3d article of the Warrant relative to the removal of the School House near Capt. Lovell's made a report which was read, whereupon it was voted that the same be not accepted.

The Selectmen made a report on the subject of the Bridge over Mill Brook in School Street, concluding that in their opinion "there is no occasion for any action of the Town" thereon which was read and accepted.

The Selectmen made a report on the subject of a new road petitioned for by S. A. Howland and others, from Main to Summer street near S. B. Thomas's concluding that "they considered it their duty to refuse to lay out the road prayed for by the petitioners," which was read, and accepted.

The meeting was then dissolved,

Att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, on Monday August 11, 1834.

Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen and presided as moderator.

(Art. 1) The Selectmen made a report on the application of William Eaton and others, Whereupon it was Voted, that the Road from the House of William Eaton Junr. be discontinued; and also that the Road from the House in which Russell Eaton lives to the southerly line of the Putnam farm be discontinued—and that the Town accept as a public Road so much as is fenced out as a Road from the House in which Russell Eaton lives, to the Pine meadow Road, and from the Pine meadow Road to the Southerly line of the Putnam farm, as the same is now fenced, whenever the same shall be suitably worked as a road.

(Art. 2.[1]) Voted, that the Worcester and Boston Rail Road Corporation have leave to pass through the East Burial Ground.

Voted that a Committee of Twelve be appointed to confer with the Directors of said Corporation, and determine in what direction Said Rail Road shall pass; and also on the terms on which such permission shall be granted, which shall be such as said Committee may think reasonable.

Voted that the Selectmen have full power to execute a Deed of such portion of the east Burying Ground as may be conveyed for the purpose before mentioned.

The following persons were appointed to compose said Committee of Twelve.

The Selectmen, Charles Allen, George T. Rice, Genl. Th. Chamberlain, Dr. B. F. Heywood, Thos. Kinnicutt, Genl. N. Heard, Rejoice Newton.

Voted to grant the Rail Road Corporation leave to pass through the north side of the Mechanic Street Burial Ground under the Superintendence of the Committee before named; said Corporation to reset the wall on the north and East side of said ground.

(Art. 3.) Voted that the Rail Road Corporation be authorized to remove the Hill near the Baptist meeting House, at the Expense of Said Corporation, under the Superintendence of the Selectmen.

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[1] ARTICLE 2:—"To consider the application of the Hon. Nathan Hale, President of the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Corporation, that the Town would give their consent to the location of their Rail Road on part of the north and east Burial Grounds belonging to said Town, and to new lay the wall on the East side of the North Burial Ground."

Voted that the sum of one Hundred and Sixty Dollars be appropriated to aid said Corporation in removing said Hill—and

Voted that a Committee of Five be appointed to confer and agree with the Rail Road Corporation with regard to the expenditure of said sum of $160.

The following persons were appointed to compose said Committee, Abijah Bigelow, Rejoice Newton, John Flagg, Otis Corbett, Samuel Perry.

(Art. 4.) The consideration of the fourth article relative to making an allowance to S. Salisbury, ["For the improvement which he has made on the Road leading from Salisbury street to the road near the House of Daniel Chadwick."] was referred to a Committee consisting of Gen[l]. Chamberlain, Lewis Chapin and Guy S. Newton, with directions to report at a subsequent meeting.

(Art. 5.) Voted that the public Common in said Town be enclosed and ornamented.

Voted that the Fence around the Common be so made as not to interfere with the Roads round the Common, or the rights of individuals or of the Religious Societies which have their Houses of Publick Worship near or on the same.

Voted that a Committee of Seven be appointed to carry said vote into effect, and that One Hundred Dollars be appropriated towards defraying the expense thereof.

The following persons were appointed to compose sd Committee. Rejoice Newton, Alfred D. Foster, Charles Allen, Thomas Kinnicutt, Abijah Bigelow, Artimas Ward 2d, and William B. Fox.

(Art. 7.) The subject of the petition of Joel Wilder & others [for a more convenient house for Engine No. 4 and the Hose attached to it] was referred to the Selectmen, by vote of the Town.

(Art. 8.) Voted that the Town cause a Lamp to be placed in front of the Post office.

The meeting was then dissolved,

A true entry att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, on Monday, Sept. 8, 1834.

Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen & presided as Moderator.

(Art. 1.) The Selectmen made the following Report. "On the petition of G. A. Trumbull and Lewis Bigelow, representing that they had laid out and made a private road leading from Green to Grafton street, and requesting that the same may be

located and established as a Town Road, the Selectmen of the Town of Worcester being of opinion that the convenience and accommodation of the Inhabitants of the Town would be promoted by granting their request, have located it as a Town Road beginning at a stone post on the East side of said Green street, near the house of George A. Trumbull thence running to the West line of Grafton street at the Southeast corner of Benjamin Porter's House lot, S. 84½ degrees East, this course being the north line of the road and being located 40 feet South of said line. The said Road from Green Street to the West side of the Blackstone Canal forty one rods, is laid over land owned in fee by Elizabeth Trumbull, Caroline B. Trumbull, Louisa J. Trumbull and Sarah P. Trumbull, and improved by George A. Trumbull, who has a life estate in the Same, thence over the Bridge to the East bank of the Blackstone Canal 86 feet, thence twenty three rods and seventeen links to Grafton Street, over land owned by Lewis Bigelow and George A. Trumbull as tenants in common. It was understood that no damage for the land would be claimed, and none has been awarded. This Street to be called Franklin Street, has been well worked, and the Bridge substantially built, is now open for use.

Franklin Street.

John W. Lincoln
Guy S. Newton
John Flagg
Sam[l]. B. Thomas
} Selectmen of the Town of Worcester

Whereupon it was Voted, that the foregoing Report be accepted, and said Street established as a Town way.

(Art. 2.) On a motion for the indefinite postponement of the question which was the subject matter of the second article, [petition of Thomas Rice and others for a reconsideration of the vote to enclose and ornament the Common] the Vote was in the negative.

On a motion to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting for enclosing and ornamenting the publick Common, the house being divided, the votes were found to be in the affirmative, 176 —in the negative, 191.

(Art. 3.) Voted that the subject of the third article [petition of Thomas Rice and others for a reconsideration of the vote appropriating $160 to the B. & W. R. R. for reducing the hill in front of the Baptist meeting house] be indefinitely postponed.

(Art. 4.) Voted that the Committee appointed to carry into effect the Vote for enclosing the Common, be authorized to cause the line on the South Side of the Common to be Straightened,

provided the same can be effected without expense to the Town; and that the Selectmen be authorized to give and receive Deeds in behalf of the Town, for land which may be taken or conveyed in consequence of such arrangement, if any shall be made by said Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to negotiate with Ichabod Washburn relative to the release of land on the north side of the School House near Joseph Lovell's; to quitclaim to him, and receive a Deed in behalf of the Town.[1]

The meeting was then dissolved.

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections of State officers, holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, on the Tenth day of November, being the second Monday in said month, A. D. 1834, the following votes were given—viz.

For Governor.

John Davis, Five Hundred & Eighty two.
Marcus Morton, One Hundred & Sixty.
John Bailey, Thirteen. William Stowell, One.
Samuel C. Allen, One. Edward Everett, One.

For Lieutenant Governor.

Samuel T. Armstrong, Five Hundred & Eighty.
William W. Thompson, One Hundred & Sixty one.
George Odiorne, Thirteen. Edward Conner, One.

For Senators.

Samuel Mixter, Five Hundred and Seventy Seven.
Charles Hudson, Five Hundred and Sixty one.
Charles Russell, Five Hundred and Seventy Six.
Charles Allen, Five Hundred and Seventy Eight.
George A. Tufts, Five Hundred and Seventy three.
Waldo Flint, Five Hundred and Seventy three.
Henry Prentiss, One Hundred and Sixty one.
Joseph Thayer, One Hundred and Sixty.
John Spurr, One Hundred and Sixty.
Nathaniel Rand, One Hundred and Sixty.

[1] ARTICLE 5:—"To see if the Town will release to Ichabod Washburn a small piece of Land occupied by him on the north side of the School House near Joseph Lovell's by receiving an equivalent in land on the south side of the School House Lot."

Alexander DeWitt, One Hundred and Sixty one.
John Boyenton, One Hundred and Sixty one.
Stephen P. Gardner, Fifteen. Tyler Bacheller, Seventeen.
Theodore Jones, Fifteen. Lovett Peters, Fourteen.
Austin Flint, Sixteen. Elijah Stoddard, Fifteen.
Aaron Brooks, One. John W. Lincoln, One.

For Representative in Congress.

Levi Lincoln, Five Hundred & Eighty four.
Maturin L. Fisher, One Hundred & Fifty nine.
Alexander DeWitt, One. Nathaniel Stowell, One.
Waldo Lincoln, One.

The above votes having been received, assorted & counted were declared and sealed up in open Town meeting, as required by the Constitution and Law.

Voted to choose Seven persons to represent the Town in the Legislature of the Commonwealth the ensuing Year, and that they be balloted for collectively.

The Votes for Representatives to the General Court were as follows. For

Alfred D. Foster	545	Benjamin Flagg	161	George T. Rice	2
John W. Lincoln	555	John Coe	82	John Sutton	1
John Flagg	545	Henry Heywood	68	John P. Kettell	1
Tho's Kinnicutt	511	Jona. Harrington	51	Timo. W. Bancroft	1
Th. Chamberlain	518	William Lincoln	47	Nathan Heard	1
David T. Brigham	490	Lewis Chapin	4	Charles Blair	1
Samuel B. Thomas	467	John M. Earle	4	Moses Spooner	1
Nathl. Stowell	166	For Elias Carter	4	Samuel Ward	1
Thomas Harback	166	Ichabod Washburn	3	Isaac Davis	1
Luther Burnett Jr	163	Emory Washburn	4	Andrew Jackson 2d	1
Saml D. Spurr	162	William Eaton	2	Charles Allen	1
Caleb Newcomb	160	Stephn. Salisbury	2	Edwd. H. Hemenway	1
Joel Wilder	157	Benja. Butman	2	Alpheus Merrifield	1
				Abiel Jaques	1

Alfred D. Foster, John W. Lincoln, John Flagg, Thomas Kinnicutt, Thomas Chamberlain, David T. Brigham, and Samuel B. Thomas, having received a majority of the Votes, were declared elected.

At this meeting the Selectmen presided ; John W. Lincoln Esq. their Chairman, acting as Moderator. Meeting dissolved.

Att^{e}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, on Monday, Nov. 10, 1834.

Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

(Art. 1, 2, 3.) Voted that the subject of discontinuing sundry Roads referred to in the 1st, 2d, and 3d articles of the Warrant be committed to the Selectmen, who are instructed to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

[The roads referred to were, the one leading from the Holden road to the intersection of the new road near the house of Daniel Chadwick; the whole or any part of the Jo Bill road; and the road between the new road near the house of John Willard and the house of Thomas Rice.]

(Art. 4) The Selectmen, by J. W. Lincoln, made a Report on the Subject of Fire Engines, &c. No. 3 & 4, and it was Voted that said report be accepted so far as relates to Engine No. 4, and that the recommendation therein expressed for locating said Engine in the Basement Story of the Town Hall, together with the Hose Carriage, the Fire Hooks and Ladders, be carried into effect at the time and in the manner which is therein advised.

Voted, that said report, so far as relates to Engine No. 3, be recommitted to the Selectmen, with instructions to report further on that subject at a future meeting.

Mr. G. S. Newton for the Committee appointed on the 11th August made a report "that if Stephen Salisbury Esq. gives Bond to the Town to keep up and maintain a good and substantial Railing on both sides of the Road, and to keep up and maintain a good bridge over his waste-way, and one over his Canal, and also without delay to repair all damages to the Bridge or the Road occasioned by water in his pond or by freshets, that he ought to have an allowance of One Hundred Dollars,"—which report was accepted by the Town.

Sam[l]. M. Burnside Esq. for the Committee on Burial Grounds made a verbal report; and said Committee were directed to continue their inquiries, and report at the adjournment.

(Art. 5.) Voted, that the subject mentioned in the fifth article [purchase or erection of a building for a hospital for infectious diseases] be referred to the Selectmen, who are requested to report the facts in the case, and their opinion of the expediency of erecting a Hospital building.

(Art. 6.) A list of the persons designated to serve as Jurors was submitted by the Selectmen to the Town, and it was voted that the same be accepted.

(Art. 7.) Voted that the Selectmen be requested to petition the Legislature for the establishment of a Fire Department.

(Art. 8.) Voted, that the Subject embraced in the eighth article [to "petition the Legislature . . . for . . a Convention . . for . . . altering the [State] Constitution . . to reduce the House of Representatives, and the basis and term of office of the Senate."] in the warrant be referred to a Committee consisting of Eleven persons, to consider and report thereon, whether in their opinion it be expedient to petition the Legislature to call a Convention for the purpose contemplated in said article, or to take some other measure for bringing the subject before the people and if so, to report to the Town a memorial for that purpose ; and that said Report be made at the adjournment of this meeting.

The following persons, nominated by the moderator, were appointed to compose said Committee.—viz. John M. Earle, Laniel Waldo, John S. C. Knowlton, Thos. Chamberlain, Emory Washburn, Samuel M. Burnside, Abijah Bigelow, Maturin L. Fisher, Pliny Merrick, Charles Allen, Samuel Ward.

(Art. 9.) Voted, that the subject of the Ninth article, relative to granting permission to the first parish to erect a building for a vestry [on the south end of their meeting house] be referred to a Committee of Seven.

The following persons nominated by the moderator, were appointed to compose said Committee ; John Flagg, Benja. Butman, Elias Carter, John M. Earle, Abijah Bigelow, Samuel M. Burnside, Otis Corbett.

The meeting was then adjourned to the second Monday in December next, at Ten o'Clock A. M.

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, by adjournment from Nov. 10, to this 8th Day of December, 1834, at 10 o'Clock A. M. The meeting was further adjourned to Two o'Clock, P. M., on the same day at which time,

(Art. 1, 2, 3.) The Selectmen made a report on the Subject of discontinuing certain Roads, which was read and accepted ; Said Report concluding with the remark that "The Selectmen have considered it inexpedient to express any opinion in relation to these Roads at this time."

(Art. 5.) The Selectmen made a Report on the Subject of erecting a Building to be used as a Hospital, recommending that

Such a Building be provided by the Town, and proposing a plan of the Same, the estimated Cost of which would be a about Eight Hundred Dollars, said Report was read and it was Voted that the same be not accepted.

The Subject was then referred to a new Committee, of Five, and the following persons were appointed to consider and report thereon, viz. Lewis Bigelow, Benja. Butman, Thomas Kinnicutt, Samuel M. Burnside, Simeon Burt.

(Art. 4.) The Selectmen made a Report on the Subject of the location &c. of Engine No. 3, which was read, and it was Voted that there be no action upon the Subject at this time, but that it be postponed until the next Town Meeting.

(Art. 10, March 3.) Sam[l]. M. Burnside Esq. for the Committee on Burial Grounds made a written Report which was read & in part accepted, and it was Voted,

That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to purchase a Lot of twenty two acres of Land mentioned in said report and therein recommended to be procured, on the credit of the Town, and to take a Deed thereof—They are also instructed to lay out a Road on land which it is stated in Said Report will be given for that purpose, "from the Tatnick Road to the Patch Road, so called, so that the proposed lot might bound on two publick Highways."

The Selectmen are also directed to enquire on what terms money may be borrowed for the payment therefor; and to report in what manner the said ground may be laid in Lots and offered for Sale to such as may wish to purchase and hold the same as their individual property.

Said Report was recommitted with instructions to the Committee to make further inquiry in relation to a Lot in the northwardly part of the Town.

(Art. 7.) On petitioning the Legislature with regard to a reduction of the House of Representatives, Mr. Burnside, Chairman of a Committee on that Subject, made a verbal Report, that the Committee are unanimously of opinion that it is inexpedient for the Town to act thereon, at this time, which report was accepted.

(Art. 9.) The Committee on the Subject of granting leave to the First Parish to erect a building to be used as a Vestry made a verbal report, in pursuance of which it was

Voted, That the First Parish have leave to enlarge their Meeting House, by extending the same Twenty five feet on the South

end thereof, provided it be enlarged in its full extent in height and width.

The meeting was then dissolved,

A true entry att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, on Monday, Dec. 8, 1834.

Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen and officiated as moderator.

(Art. 1.) Voted that the Subject embraced in the first article in the Warrant [in regard to encroachments in the public streets, etc.], be referred to a Committee of Five ; and that the Selectmen constitute Said Committee, to report at the next town meeting.

Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed, in all cases where they see encroachments making or projected in any of the Streets or Highways of the Town, to take measures to prevent or remove the same.

(Art. 2.) Voted, that the Town approve and confirm the agreement made by the Selectmen with Mr. Dakin for a Wood Lot.

(Art. 3.) It was moved that the account of William E. Green [for work on the road from his house to the old Boston road] be allowed by the Town, which motion was negatived, and the same was referred to the Selectmen, to act thereon as they shall think proper. The meeting was then dissolved.

A true entry Att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, on monday, march 2, 1835.

Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen and presided as Moderator.

Samuel Jennison was chosen Town Clerk, and sworn by the moperator.

Voted, To choose Five Selectmen for the ensuing year.

The votes for Selectmen were as follows.

For first Selectman, the whole no. of Votes was 499.
John W. Lincoln had 281, and was chosen.

For Second Selectman, the whole no. of votes was 527.
Guy S. Newton had 272 and was chosen.

For third Selectman, the whole no. of votes was 502.
Lewis Chapin had 253 and was chosen.

For fourth Selectman the whole no. of votes was 461.
Benjamin Butman had 271, and was chosen.

For fifth Selectman, the whole no. of Votes was 419.
Simon S. Gates had 217, and was chosen.

*John W. Lincoln, †Guy S. Newton, *Lewis Chapin, *Benja. Butman, *Simon S. Gates, Selectmen.

Voted, That the Selectmen be the Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Voted, to choose Three Assessors, and John Gleason Junr. Isaac Davis, and Thomas Chamberlain were chosen assessors.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing.

*Charles G. Prentiss was chosen Town Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.

Voted, that the School Committee for the Town be chosen by Ballot, and by general ticket.

Voted to postpone the choice of the School Committee for the Town until the time of the adjournment of this meeting.

The following persons were chosen a Committee of Estimates. John W. Lincoln, Otis Corbett, Isaac Davis, Committee of Estimates.

The Votes for County Treasurer were received, assorted and Corrected by the moderator and Town Clerk, and were as follows. For Anthony Chase, Two Hundred and Eighty nine.
For Charles G. Prentiss, Forty*three.

The following persons were chosen prudential School Committee for the Several Districts, viz.

For District No. 2, Archibald Williams. No. 3, Simon S. Gates. No. 4, Pitt Holmes. No. 5, John W. Lincoln. No. 6, Rufus Wesson. No. 7, James Campbell. No. 8, Josiah Britton. No. 9, Silas Knight. No. 10, Jonathan Nelson. No. 11, Thomas Chamberlain. No. 12, Ebenezer Ball, Prudential School Committee.

The following persons were chosen Clerks of the Market.
Alex^{r}. G. Vottier, Lewis Thayer, Austin Gleason, Clerks of the Market.

The following persons were chosen Surveyors of Lumber.
Lewis Bigelow, Alpheus Merrifield, Horatio N. Tower, Surveyors of Lumber.

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*Sworn. †Affirmed.

The following persons were chosen Surveyors and measurers of Wood and Bark.

*Francis Blake, *Henry Wheeler, *Charles Boardman, *Ebenezer Ball, *Dorrance J. Wilder, *Archibald Willard, *Pliny Holbrook, *Joshua Freeman, *Thomas Harback, *Pitt Holmes, Simeon Gleason, Nathaniel Powers (Declined), Harmon Chamberlain, Surveyors & measurers of Wood & Bark.

The following persons were chosen Fence Viewers. Jubal Boyden, *John M. King, *Lewis Cutting, *Nath[l]. C. Moore, *Asa Hayden, Fence Viewers.

Voted to choose Three Field Drivers in the Centre District and one in each of the other Districts of the Town, and the following persons were chosen. *Francis H. Kinnicutt, *Charles Paine, *Moses Spooner, *Ashley Moore, *George Willey, *Uriah Stone, *Lewis Boyden, *Samuel Goddard, *James Harrington, *Leonard Flagg, *Joseph Heath, *Hosea Brigham, *Robert S. Gleason; *Philander Gleason, Clement Read, Field Drivers.

Aaron Howe was chosen Pound-keeper.

Voted, to postpone the choice of Fire Wards to the Time to which this meeting shall be adjourned.

Voted, to postpone the choice of Highway Surveyors until the adjourned meeting.

Voted to choose Five Constables, and the following persons were chosen. *Joseph Lovell, *Billings Hobart, *Charles P. Bancroft, *Edw[d]. H. Hemenway, Dorance J. Wilder, Constables.

Voted, That the assessors be instructed to note and return to the Collector the place of residence of transient persons taxed.

Voted, That the assessors receive the same compensation as the last year, and perform the same services.($150.) Voted, That the Treasurer & Collector be allowed the same Compensation as the last year ($150.) and that the rate of Discount on Taxes paid within thirty, sixty and one hundred and twenty days, be the same as the last year (that is, Six per cent, for the first period; Four per cent for the Second, and Two per cent. for the the third.) and that the Treasurer be instructed to proceed to collect all Taxes remaining unpaid immediately after the expiration of one hundred and twenty days from the time when the same shall be committed to him.

(Art. 5.) Voted that the subject [money for town expenses] embraced in the fifth article be deferred until the adjourned meeting.

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* Sworn.

(Art. 6.) Voted that the manner of repairing the roads & bridges within the Town be the Same as the last year.

(Art. 7.) The Selectmen made a Report on the application of William E. Green for allowance for Labor on a Road, which was read and accepted.

The Selectmen also made a Report on the Subject of an encroachment on School Street, which was read and accepted. The several Votes attached to said Report, and recommended by them to be passed by the Town, were postponed to be acted upon at the adjourned meeting.

(Art. 9.) The Subject embraced in the ninth article [a building for Engine No. 3] was postponed to the adjourned meeting.

(Art. 10.) Voted that the Town adopt and approve the 2d and 3d Sections of "an act concerning the appointment of Engine men."

(Art. 11.) The act establishing a Fire Department in the Town of Worcester was read, and it was Voted that the same be published in the newspapers of the Town: and that the further action on this article be indefinitely postponed.

(Art. 12.) Voted, that the assessors be instructed in taking an account of the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants, to take the Census of the Town and that they be allowed therefor the sum of Twenty Dollars.

(Art. 13.) Voted, that the Town will continue to defray the same expenses for Burials as the last year.

(Art. 14.) Voted That the Town will defray the same expense as the last year, for lighting the Lamps in the Centre District.

(Art. 15.) Voted to postpone the consideration of the fifteenth article in the Warrant [obstructions in the public roads], to the adjourned meeting.

(Art. 16.) Voted that the Town will take charge of the Clocks of the First and Second parishes the ensuing year, and defray the expense of the Same.

(Art. 17.) Voted that the Selectmen cause one or more of the Bells to be rung at Twelve o'Clock noon, and at nine in the evening, during the year.

(Art. 18.) Voted that the Town do not suspend the operation [of] the Law of the Commonwealth in relation to killing certain Birds.

(Art. 19.) Voted that the Highway Surveyor be directed in such manner as the Selectmen approve to take gravel for repairing

the roads, from the East end of Mechanic, and the north end of Cross Street, No. 2. [to render the travel from said Streets by the East wall of the Burial Ground to and under the Rail-road Bridge safe and convenient.]

(Art. 20.) Voted, that the Methodist Society be allowed the use of the Town Hall for publick worship the current year free of expense.

(Art. 21.) The consideration of the 21st article [purchase of a Hydraulion or Suction Fire Engine to be stationed in New Worcester] was indefinitely postponed.

(Art. 22.) Voted to appoint a Committee of Five, to be nominated by the moderator, to consider and report on the subject of paving, or otherwise repairing and improving Main Street, and the following persons were appointed Said Committee. Silas Brooks, Ephraim Mower, Lewis Chapin, Simeon Burt, Levi A. Dowley.

(Art. 23. Voted that the consideration of the 25d Article [to lay out a street from nearly opposite Jeremiah Robinson's east to Summer street] be indefinitely postponed.

(Art. 24.) Voted, that the consideration of the 24th article [to raise money for a sidewalk of timber on the west side of Summer street and either or all the cross streets from Main to Summer streets] be indefinitely postponed.

(Art. 25.) Voted to appoint a Committee of Five to examine the doings of a Committee chosen to build the School House on Thomas Street, and report thereon,—and the following persons were appointed Said Committee:—Isaac Davis. Lewis Bigelow, John Flagg, Nathan Heard, Francis T. Merrick.

(Art. 26.) Voted, To appoint a Committee of Five to settle with the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and for the other purposes mentioned in the 26th article [with authority to have the report printed "whereby the legal voters of said Town can have a Copy thereof to examine at their leisúre"], and to report in such form as they may think expedient, The following persons were appointed said Committee. Levi A. Dowley, Genl. N. Heard, Wm. N. Green, Isaac Davis, Benja. Flagg.

(Art. 27.) Voted, That the consideration of the 27th article [settlement with the highway surveyors] be indefinitely postponed.

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday March 23d next, at Two o'Clock P. M.

A true entry Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that I the Subscriber as moderator of a Town

Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester convened for the annual election of their municipal officers in presence of said voters in open meeting administered to Samuel Jennison Esq[r]. the necessary oath to qualify him to discharge the duties of the office of Clerk of the Town to which he had been chosen.

John W. Lincoln.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden Monday March 23d, 1835 by adjournment from March 2d.

The School Committee of the Town made a Report which was read and accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

The following persons were chosen the School Committee of the Town for the ensuing year. Abiel Jaques, Rev[d]. Alonzo Hill, Wm. N. Green, Rodney A. Miller, Tho[s]. Kinnicutt, Fred[k]. A. Willard, Ira Barton.

Jonathan Nelson, prudential School Committee for District No. 10, declined serving and was excused. *Isaac Mills* was chosen to serve in said office.

Silas Knight, prudential School Committee for District No. 9, declined Serving and was excused. *Benjamin Thayer* was chosen to serve in said office.

The following persons were chosen Highway Surveyors. District No. 1, *Benjamin Butman. 2, *Benjamin Flagg. 3, †Guy S. Newton. 4, *Micah Johnson. 5, *William W. Patch. 6, *Lewis Cutting. 7, *Charles Hersey. 8, *Lewis Chapin. 9, *Nath[l]. Elder, 10, *Israel Whitney. 11, *Thomas Harback. 12, *Newell Rice, 13, *Darius Rice. 14, *Leonard Flagg. 15, *Simeon Hastings. 16, *George T. S. Curtis. 17, *Jabez Rice. 18, *John Mann. 19, *Benjamin Read. 20, *Thomas Nichols.

The Committee of Estimates made a report which was read and accepted, and it was Voted, That the Sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars be assessed upon the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town, and upon non resident owners of Real Estate in said Town for the purpose of Defraying the expenses of the current Year, in accordance with said report, viz.

"For the Support of Schools,	3,600
For the Support of Highways & Bridges,	2,000
For the Support of the Poor of the Town,	1,200

*Sworn. †Affirmed.

For assessors & Treasurer's Compensation,	320
For abatement & Discount on Taxes,	1,000
For ringing Bell & Expenses of Funerals,	230
For Care of Clocks,	30
For Interest on demands against the Town,	910
For note due to S. Salisbury Esq[r].	90
For lighting Streets,	325
For Engine men,	100
For Fire Department,	100
For new Road near McFaden Road,	250
For Contingent Expenses,	500
For fencing new Burial Grounds,	113.75
For the payment of a Note given for purchase of Land for new Burial Ground—Balance	1,231.25
	$12,000.—

Voted, that the Rents due on account of the Town Hall and those which will soon be due, be applied to defray the expense of repairing said Hall, as recommended in the last mentioned Report, and Isaac Davis, John W. Lincoln and Benjamin Butman, were appointed a Committee to direct and Superintend said repairs.

Voted that the money raised for the Support of Schools be apportioned in the following manner, Nine hundred Dollars for the Support of the Latin Grammar School and contingent charges, Two Hundred & fifty Dollars to be divided equally among the out Districts. The residue, Two thousand four hundred & fifty Dollars to be divided among the Several School Districts in Town according to the number of minors in the respective Districts on the first day of May next.

The Committee appointed to examine the doings of a Committee chosen to build the School House on Thomas Street, presented a report by their Chairman, Isaac Davis Esq[r]. which was read and on motion of Pliny Merrick Esq[r]. the same was recommitted.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Selectmen, &c. reported that they had not completed said service.

The meeting was then adjourned for one hour, and subsequently was adjourned to the thirteenth day of April next, at Two o'Clock, P. M. Att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester,

holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, on monday, March 23, 1835.

Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen and presided as Moderator.

(Art. 1.) Voted that the Subject embraced in the First Article relative to the Fire Department, be referred to a Committee of nine, with instruction to consider and report thereon at the adjournment.

The following persons were appointed said Committee. Guy S. Newton, William M. Towne, Henry W. Miller, Samuel Ward, Joel Wilder, Oliver Witherby, Nathan Heard, Benj[a]. Butman, Lewis Bigelow.

(Art. 2.) Voted that the application of Ephraim Drury and Clarissa Fish [for allowance for injury sustained on the new road from Stephen Salisbury's to Daniel Chadwick's], be referred to a Committee, and the Selectmen were appointed said Committee, to consider and report thereon.

(Art. 3.) It was moved that the subject of the third article [to refuse licenses to sell liquor to all retailers and inholders) be indefinitely postponed, but the motion was not sustained.

It was then voted, That the list of Voters be called and that they answer yea or nay on the following motion, viz.

"That the Town advise the Selectmen to withhold their approbation for License to sell ardent Spirits from all Retailers and Innholders, excepting for manufacturing and medicinal purposes."

The yeas and nays were then called, and were as follows. Yeas, 325—nays 272.

The meeting was adjourned to Monday April 13th next, at Two o'Clock, P. M.

Att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden Monday, April 13, 1835, by adjournment from the Second day of March to the 23d and from the 23d to this day.

Voted to choose Two Selectmen in addition to the number chosen on the 2d March.

The Votes were received for two Selectmen on one ticket and were unanimously For *Pliny Merrick 373. For Eben[r]. L. Barnard 372,

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*Sworn.

Voted, That the Selectmen chosen this day be also overseers of the Poor.

The Selectmen presented a report on the Subject of the location of Engine No. 3, &c. which was again read, and it was Voted to accept the same; that the Selectmen be a Committee to erect a Building for said Engine agreeably to the recommendation in said report and the place therein proposed, and that the sum necessary to carry into effect said object be assessed upon the polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town & the non resident owners of Real Estate within said Town.

Thomas Kinnicutt Esqr. having declined accepting the office of School Committee for the Town, Calvin Willard Esqr. was chosen to supply his place.

(Art. 15.) The Report of the Selectmen on the Subject of encroachments on School Street, and on the other Streets &c. within the Town, presented at the meeting on the 2d March was again read, and the following Votes recommended by them were adopted by the Town—viz.

Voted that the Selectmen of the Town of Worcester for the time being be authorized to place in the ground stone monuments to designate the location of any Road which has been or may hereafter be laid out within said Town, and said Selectmen shall from time to time report to the Town the particular location of such stone monuments setting forth the bearings of such monuments to the direction and width of said Roads, and such other information as may be necessary to shew the bounds thereof; and such Report shall be entered on the Records of the Town, in order that the evidence of the limits of such Road may be had in perpetual remembrance.

Voted, That the Selectmen for the time being, in all cases of Roads laid out by authority of the County, in which it shall appear to them that any uncertainty exists of the location or limits of such Roads, shall be authorized to apply to the County Commissioners in behalf of said Town to relocate such Road, and to make such alteration therein as they may find to be necessary or expedient."

Voted, That the vote of the Town passed March 2d "that the Methodist Society be allowed the use of the Town Hall for publick worship the current Year free of expense," be reconsidered.

Voted, That the request of the Methodists for the use of the Town Hall be referred to the Selectmen, and that they be authorized to act in relation thereto as they may think proper.

(Art. 22.) The Committee appointed under the 22d article in the Warrant "to consider and report on the subject of paving Main Street" &c. made a Report which was read; and it was Voted to postpone the further consideration thereof untill the time to which this meeting shall be adjourned.

The meeting was then adjourned to the First Monday in May next, at Two o'Clock, P. M. Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden Monday, April 13, 1835, by adjournment from March 23d 1835.

(Art. 2.) The consideration of the Second article in the Warrant was postponed to the time to which this meeting shall be adjourned.

Voted, that the Town reconsider the Vote passed on the 23d day of March, by which the Selectmen were advised to withhold approbation for License to sell ardent Spirits from all Retailers & Innholders, excepting for manufacturing and medicinal purposes.—The votes on this question were taken by Ballot, yea & nay, the list of voters being called, & checked, & were as follows. For reconsidering—Yeas, 452, Against reconsidering, Nays, 376.

(Art. 1.) The Committee appointed to consider and report on the expediency of accepting the act for establishing a Fire Department, by W. M. Towne, chairman, reported verbally, that it is expedient to accept the several provisions of said act; and that in said opinion the Committee were unanimous.

It was Voted to accept the same.

The meeting was then adjourned to the First Monday in May next, at Two o'Clock, P. M. Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, on Monday, April 13, 1835.

Pliny Merrick, Esqr. was chosen & presided as Moderator.

(Art. 1.) The subject of the petition of Clarendon Wheelock & others ["That the Town will exchange Engine No. 2, for a Hydraulion or Suction Engine, to be kept at New Worcester] was referred to a Committee of Three persons, who were chosen by nomination—viz. John W. Lincoln, Clarendon Wheelock, Lewis Bigelow.

Voted that the subject referred to in the Second article [Peti-

tion of the Worcester Light Infantry for the use of the South Hall in the second story of the Town House], be left to the Selectmen, who are authorized to act in relation to it, and to granting the use of either Hall or room in the Town House, as they shall think proper. The meeting was then dissolved.

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, on Monday, May 4, 1835, the Votes of said Inhabitants, for County Commissioners and for Special Commissioners, were received, assorted and counted, and were as follows.

For John W. Lincoln, One hundred & fifty nine Votes.
Jared Weed, Fifty Six.
William Crawford, One hundred & twenty.
Eben. D. Ammidown, Two hundred & ninety eight.
Abiel Jaques, One hundred & thirty six.
William Eaton, Sixty nine.
Samuel Mixter, One hundred and thirty five.
Heman Stebbins, Thirty five.
Obediah Wood, Ten — Zachariah Sheldon, Forty six.
Samuel Wood, One — For James Draper, Five Votes.
Alexander DeWitt, Two — Edmund Cushing, One.

For Special Commissioners.

For Ephraim Stone, One hundred & seventy two.
Artemas Lee, Forty one.
Benjamin Davenport, Three hundred & two.
Richard Olney, Forty one.
Rufus Bullock of Royalston, One hundred & twenty nine.
Edmund Cushing, Four — James Draper, Two.
Heman Stebbins, One — Samuel Taylor, One.
Newell Nelson, One.

The whole number of tickets given in was three hundred and fifty two.

At this meeting the Selectmen presided, John W. Lincoln Esqr. acting as Moderator.

The Votes as above stated having been recorded, declared & a Copy thereof sealed up in open meeting, the meeting was then dissolved, Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, May 4, 1835, by adjournment from the 2d day of March to the 23d, and from the 23d March to the 13th April, and from Apr. 13, to this time.

Voted to reconsider the vote accepting the report of the Selectmen on the claim of William E. Green for allowance for labor on a Road, and that the report aforesaid be recommitted.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the Subject of improving Main Street, read at a former meeting, and that the Street be paved; provided the expense thereof shall not exceed Five thousand Dollars.

Voted to Choose a Committee of Three persons to superintend the work of paving Main Street, a Committee of nine persons was then chosen to nominate said Committee, who reported the names of Isaac Davis, William Eaton and Luther Burnett, who were thereupon appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Voted that the money for the accomplishment of said work be borrowed, and that the Selectmen be a Committee to borrow the same on the best terms on which it can be procured, to be repaid by Instalments of Five Hundred Dollars annually.

Voted, that an additional Sum of Five Hundred Dollars be raised and assessed, for the Support of Highways & Bridges within the Town, the current year.

Voted, That the Committee chosen to superintend the paving of Main Street be authorized to make preliminary Surveys and estimates; and if it be found expedient to proceed, and a new graduation of the Street be necessary, that they in connexion with the Selectmen be authorized to make such a graduation thereof as may be found necessary. The meeting was then dissolved.

Attˢ. Samˡ. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, May 4, 1835—by adjournment from March 23d, and April 13, 1835.

Voted, that the further consideration of the Second article in the Warrant (relating to the application of Ephraim Drury and Clarissa Fish,) be indefinitely postponed.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Atts. Samˡ. Jennison, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, in the County of Worcester, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, holden on the first day of June, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Commissioner for said County, Votes for the following persons were given in, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed, to wit: For William Crawford, Seventy two Votes.

Jared Weed, Forty one. Samuel Mixter, Fifteen.
Zachariah Sheldon, One. Henry Paine, One.
Amory Holman, One.

The Meeting was then dissolved.

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester June 8, 1835, by adjournment from June 1. The moderator being absent, Guy S. Newton was chosen moderator.

The Selectmen reported that they had examined the By-Laws for the government &c. of the Fire Department, which with some slight amendments they recommend to the Town to accept.

Voted, thereupon, that the By Laws of the Fire Department as amended by the Selectmen be approved & accepted and that the same be printed. The meeting was then dissolved,

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

The following is the Report of the Selectmen and the "Rules, Regulations and Ordinances" above refered to and adopted.

"The Selectmen of the Town of Worcester having in obedience to the direction of the Inhabitants considered the Rules, Regulations and ordinances reported by the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department of the Town of Worcester, would respectfully report, That in their opinion it will be for the interest of the Town that the same should be adopted, with the following amendments —in the fourteenth article and second line, strike out the words "within the Centre School District"—from the fifteenth article and first line strike out the words "within said District,"—article 17th and last line, strike out the words "published by"—and insert instead thereof *laid before*.

For the Selectmen,

John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Rules, &c. for the government of the Fire Department, as accepted, June 8, 1835.

Article 1. It shall be the duty of the members of the Engine, Hose, Hook & Ladder Fire Companies, to Keep the several Houses committed to their Charge in neat and proper order; and have Snow, ice, rubbish, &c. removed from each building connected with the Fire Department, so that the Fire apparatus can be easily removed—It shall also be their duty to keep the Fire apparatus of every kind, of which they have the care, in good and effective order, and on return of said apparatus from a Fire, to wash, clean, and put it in thorough order and condition for immediate use.

Article 2. At a Fire in the night, the Headquarters of the Department will be designated by a signal Lantern made for that purpose, and placed at some convenient point near the fire—to which all the officers will repair when necessary, for orders &c.

Article 3. No Engine, Hose, Hook & Ladder or Fire Company attached to the Department is to leave the Fire or take the apparatus of which they have the charge therefrom, without the order or permission of the Engineers.

Article 4. If any Engine or Fire apparatus be so damaged that immediate repairs are necessary, the commanding officer shall immediately report to the Chairman of the assistant Engineers and take his directions relative to the repair of said Engine or Fire apparatus.

Article 5. Badges are to be worn at all Fires, said Badges to be adopted by each Company, and approved of by the Board of by the Board of Engineers.

Article 6. The utmost order and decorum is to be preserved in going to and working at, and returning from a Fire that the nature of the business will permit.

Article 7. Each commanding officer will remain by his Company, and preserve order, and direct their operations.

Article 8. It is recommended as a general rule, to avoid opening the doors or windows of a building on fire—nntil a supply of water can be procured, and when water is obtained, to apply it *judiciously and directly* on the fire, and carefully avoid damaging Furniture or Goods by water.

Article 9. The Engines and Fire apparatus will be under the particular charge of the assistant Engineers—and at all Fires & Drills the Commanders of each Company will receive orders from the assistant Engineers.

Article 10. At an alarm of fire, it shall be the duty of the members of the several Engine, Hose, Hook & Ladder and other Companies, to repair immediately to the place of deposit of the several apparatus to which they may be attached, and proceed therewith with all safe and convenient dispatch to or near the place where the fire may be. On arriving at the Fire as a general rule, the suction Engine is to be taken immediately to the nearest supply of water—their suction hose lowered, and their leading hose extended—and in the absence of the Engineers, the officers will exert themselves to procure a tub engine to receive their water, and pass it on towards the fire—provided however, if the Suction can reach the fire with their own hose, and no tub Engine is ready to receive and play out the water, they may receive it and play it themselves until the arrival of some tub Engine.

Article 11. Those Engines which cannot procure water from the Suction. The Engineers will cause lines to be formed of the citizens to supply them with water.

Article 12. The commanding officer of the Hook and Ladder Company will at an alarm of fire cause the Ladders to be so placed as to enable the Fireman to play directly upon the fire, and take special care to see that all roofs which may take fire in the vicinity are protected, Keeping the fire as much in check as possible, by means of buckets.

Article 13. If any member of the Fire department shall at any fire wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his duty, or disobey the orders of any Engineer, he shall for each default forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five, nor more than twenty dollars. And all persons present at fires, and not members of the Fire deparment are hereby enjoined to obey the directions of any Engineer given at any fire, and render their services if required, under a penalty of not less than three dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each offence.

Article 14. If any Individual shall deposit Ashes in any wooden vessel, or deposit them where they come in contact with wood, by means of which buildings are exposed to take fire, they shall forfeit and pay for every such offence a fine not less than Ten Dollars, nor more than Twenty Dollars.

Article 15. If any Individual shall erect or maintain any defective chimney, hearth, oven, Stove, or Stove pipe, or other fixtures, or whatever may give just cause of alarm, or may be the means of Kindling or spreading fires—whenever notified by any two Engineers to repair the defect or remove the material which may be the means of a fire,—If said individual shall unreasonably

delay in executing the direction of Said Engineers, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five, nor more than Twenty dollars.

Article 16. In all cases of Fire the Chief Engineer shall have the general supervision and direction of the Fire Department, and he shall direct all proper measures for the extinguishment of Fires, protection of property, and preservation of order.

Article 17. The Chief Engineer may issue to each member of the Fire Department a Certificate of his membership—and it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to make return to the Selectmen of the Town one week before the first of April annually, of the State of the Fire Department to be laid before the Town.

The Board of Engineers who have the entire charge of the Fire Department, for 1835, consist of

John F. Clark,	Samuel Ward,	Lewis Thayer,
Ichabod Washburn,	Isaac Davis,	Lewis Bigelow,
George T. Rice,	Nathan Heard,	Francis T. Merrick,
	Engineers.	
Henry W. Miller,	Wm. M. Towne,	Wm. A. Wheeler,
	Assistant Engineers.	

And said Engineers may adopt such rules and regulations for their own government as from time to time they may deem expedient. Isaac Davis, Chief Engineer.

Worcester, May, 1835.

Recorded by Sam[l]. Jennison, T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, in the County of Worcester, qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, holden on the Twenty ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & thirty five, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a County Commissioner, for said County, Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed, to wit:

For William Crawford, One hundred and Fourteen.

For Jared Weed, One hundred & Twenty four.

The meeting was then dissolved, Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, on Monday, June 29, 1835.

The Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen, and presided as Moderator.

(Art. 1.) Voted that the Subject embraced in the First Article [to raise $1,500 additional for paving Main street] be indefinitely postponed.

(Art. 2.) Voted not to reconsider the Vote of the Town passed at a former meeting for raising 5,000 D. for the purpose of paving Main Street.

(Art. 3.) Voted to raise the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars in addition to that of 1,000 D, voted at a former meeting for the erection of an Engine House [in Lincoln Square] for Number 3.

(Art. 4.) Voted to recommit the Report of the Selectmen respecting the laying out a new Road [from Green to Front Street] near the house of George A. Trumbull, the same having been read with instructions to report at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting was then dissolved,

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester holden agreeably to the foregoing Warrant, Sept. 28, 1835.

Pliny Merrick, Esq. was chosen Moderator.

(1) The Selectmen made a Report on the claim of William E. Greene, Esqr. which was read and accepted ; which report was in conformity with a formal report of the Selectmen recommending that said claim be not allowed.

(2) The Selectmen made a Report on the Subject of the new Burying Ground, & Submitted a plan of the same and the manner in which they proposed to lay it out. The report being read it was Voted that the same be committed to a Committee of Ten, to examine and report their views thereon [in relation to the division and appropriation of the land purchased from the assignees of Col. Ward] at the next meeting of the Town.

(3) The Selectmen made a Report of the location and laying out of a Road from Front Street to Green Street ; which having been read, it was Voted that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed. The Meeting was then Dissolved.

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections of State Officers, holden in pursuance

of the foregoing Warrant, on the ninth day of November, 1835, being the Second Monday of said month, the following votes were given, viz.

For Governor.

Edward Everett, Four Hundred & forty six.
Marcus Morton, Two Hundred & ninety one.
Sam[l]. T. Armstrong, Two.

For Lieutenant Governor.

George Hull, Four Hundred & forty seven.
William Foster, Two Hundred & Eighty nine.

For Senators.

Charles Hudson, Four Hundred & thirteen.
Charles Russell, Four Hundred & thirteen.
Charles Allen, Four Hundred & forty one.
Waldo Flint, Four Hundred & Sixteen.
Linus Child, Four Hundred & Thirty four.
Ethan A. Greenwood, Four Hundred & thirty two.
Joseph Thayer, Two Hundred & ninety two.
John Spurr, Two Hundred & Eighty eight.
Alexander DeWitt, Two Hundred & ninety five.
John Boyenton, Two Hundred & Eighty nine.
Nathaniel Rand, Two Hundred & ninety.
Charles Sibley, Two Hundred & ninety two.

James Allen, Six.	A. D. Foster, Two.
Sylvanus Holbrook, Two.	John Claflin Jun[r]. Three.
William M. Benedict, One.	Benjamin Davenport, Two.
Rufus Mixter, One.	Jared Weed, One.
Edmund Cushing, One.	Samuel Mixter, One.
Ethan Greenwood, One.	Rufus Bullock, One.

The foregoing votes having been assorted, counted and recorded, were declared and sealed up in open Town meeting as required by the Constitution and Law.

It was voted to choose Eight Representatives for the ensuing year, to the General Court; and that they be balloted for severally. For the first Representative, on the third balloting, the whole number of votes was 583. Otis Corbett had 300, and was chosen

For the Second Representative, on the third ballotting, the whole number of votes was 595. Thomas Harback had 311, and was chosen.

For the third representative, on the fifth balloting, the whole number of votes was 607. Jubal Harrington had 307 and was chosen.

For the fourth Representative, on the first balloting, the whole number of Votes was 551. Thomas Chamberlain had 283, and was chosen.

The meeting was then adjourned to Tuesday, the 10th day of november, at 9 o'Clock, A. M.

Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, on Tuesday, November 10, 1835, at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon, by adjournment from Nov. 9, they proceeded in the election of Representatives.

For the Fifth Representative, on the Second balloting, the whole number of Votes was 550. Benjamin Goddard 2d, had 286, and was chosen.

For the Sixth Representative the whole number of votes was 527 on the first balloting. Benjamin Flagg had 270, and was chosen.

For the Seventh Representative, the whole number of Votes on the first balloting 540. William Lincoln had 286, and was chosen.

For the Eighth Representative, the whole number of Votes on the first balloting was 548. Guy S. Newton had 305, and was chosen. The meeting was then dissolved,

A true Entry Att^{s}. Saml. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, on Monday, Novr. 9, 1835, the warrant having been read, the Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday Nov. 10, at 2 o'Clock P. M.

Att^{s}. S: Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, on Tuesday Novr. 10, 1835, by adjournment from Novr. 9, 1835.

Isaac Davis, Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

The Committee appointed September 28, 1835, consisting of Otis Corbett, William B. Fox, Abijah Bigelow, Francis Grout, William E. Green, Simeon Burt, Thomas Harback, Nathan Perry, Daniel Tatman, & George T. Rice, to whom was referred a Report of the Selectmen, relative to the new Burying Ground, made a Report by Otis Corbett Esqr. which was read and accepted.

(Art. 2d) Voted that a Committee be appointed with instruction to oppose the location of the Road (referred to in the second article) ["Commencing near the White place, and running to Main Street and terminating near the house of E. F. Dixie."] until the location of the Western and Norwich Railroads has taken place; or to procure a new location of said Road.

The following persons were appointed said Committee, William Eaton, Thomas Harback, Guy S. Newton, John W. Lincoln, Luther Burnett, Isaac Davis, Eben^{r}. L. Barnard.

(3) Voted to choose Five additional Constables—and the following persons were chosen for the remainder of the current year. Joseph Pratt, *Charles Warren, *William R. Wesson, *Oliver Witherby, *John F. Clark, Constables.

The meeting was then dissolved,

Att^{s}. S: Jennison, Town Clerk.

Perambulation of Boundary Lines.

Worcester and Paxton.

The undersigned, in behalf of the Towns of Worcester and Paxton, agreeably to previous appointment to perambulate the dividing Line between those Towns, met this day, for that purpose, at a Stone monument at the Southwesterly corner of the Town of Holden, between lands of Ebenezer Mower and J. & J. Howard, and proceeded thence to a Stone monument at the corner of lands of Guy S. Newton & Oliver Wilson, being the northwesterly corner of the Town of Worcester—said monuments were found to be in good order, and this return is made in duplicate.

James Day, Artemas Howe } In behalf of the Town of Paxton

Guy S. Newton, Thos. Chamberlain, Eben^{r}. L. Barnard } In behalf of the Town of Worcester

Worcester & Holden.

The undersigned, in behalf of the Towns of Worcester and Holden, agreeably to previous appointment to perambulate the dividing Line between those Towns, met this day for that purpose, at a stone monument by the side of an apple-tree in land of Artemas Bartlett, being the South-Easterly Corner of the Town

* Sworn.

of Holden, and proceeded thence to a large chestnut tree between said Bartlett and George Moore: thence to a stone monument in the road by land of William Drury, Esqr., thence to a white oak tree on the easterly side of Winter Hill—thence to a pitch pine root with stones on the top of said Hill—thence to a large rock with stones on it, between lands of B. Read and T. Chaffin —thence to a stone monument by the side of the road, near the house of Moses Corbett—thence to an elm tree marked in Noyes pasture—thence to a heap of stones in land of Jona. Moore—thence to a stone monument in the road, near said Moore's House —thence to a stone monument between lands of said Howards and Ebenezer Moores, being the south westerly corner of Holden, adjoining on the Town of Paxton; and we have renewed said marks and stone heaps, and made this return in duplicate.

Ethan Davis } In behalf of the
Wm. Metcalf } Town of Holden

Guy S. Newton } In behalf of
Thos. Chamberlain } the Town of
Eben^{r}. L. Barnard } Worcester

Worcester & Leicester.

The undersigned, in behalf of the Towns of Worcester and Leicester, agreeably to previous appointment, to perambulate the dividing Line between said Towns, met this day for that purpose, at a Stone monument at the Northwesterly corner of said Worcester, being also a corner of the Town of Paxton, and proceeded thence on said line to a heap of stones in Sylvester's wood-lot,—thence to a marked chestnut tree by the Road, near the house of Abel Green—thence to an oak stump by land of John Sargeant's heirs —thence to a stone heap in "the old Leicester Road"—thence to a stone monument, being the South westerly corner of said Worcester on the line of the Town of Ward, and we have renewed said bounds, and made duplicate returns of our doings therein.

Joshua Lamb } In behalf of the
Henry Tainter } Town of Leicester

Guy S. Newton } In behalf of the Town
Tho. Chamberlain } of Worcester

Worcester and Millbury.

The undersigned, in obedience to previous appointment, in behalf of the Towns of Worcester and Millbury, to perambulate the dividing line between said Towns, met this day, for that pur-

pose, at a stone monument at the corner of the Towns of Worcester and Ward, on the line of Millbury; and thence proceeded to a stake and stones by the old road from Worcester to Millbury—thence to a stone fixed in the wall of Moses Park—thence to a stone heap in land of Josiah Woodward—thence to a large rock with stones upon it, (owner unknown)—thence to a stake and stones in woodland formerly owned by Luke Randall—thence to a stone monument, being the Southeasterly corner of Worcester, adjoining on Grafton gore :—and we have renewed said Bounds according to our instructions.

Lyman Goodell } For the Town
Nath[l]. Godard } of Millbury

Guy S. Newton } For the Town
Oct°. 2, 1835. Tho. Chamberlain } of Worcester

Worcester and Ward.

The undersigned, in behalf of the Towns of Worcester and Ward, agreeably to previous appointment to perambulate the dividing line between those Towns, met this day for that purpose at a stone monument at the southwesterly corner of said Worcester, on the line between the towns of Leicester and Ward,—and thence proceeded to a stone heap near to and opposite the house of Samuel Hardy—thence to a stone monument in land late the property of the Heirs of Henry Patch, deceased—thence to a stone monument in the road near to and westerly of the House of William Goss—thence to a stone monument by the side of a white oak tree on the line of the town of Millbury—and we have renewed said bounds, and made duplicate returns of these our doings.

Samuel Eddy } For the Town
Leonard Rice } of Ward

Guy S. Newton } For the Town
Oct°. 1, 1835 Tho. Chamberlain } of Worcester

Worcester and Shrewsbury.

The Subscribers, appointed by the Selectmen of the Towns of Worcester and Shrewsbury to perambulate the dividing line between those Towns, commenced that service at a stone post at the corner of Shrewsbury, West Boylston, and on the side line of Worcester, near the house of Cyrus Lovell, and having renewed the marks on said post, proceeded thence to a stone post at the head of Long Pond, and having renewed the marks on that post proceeded thence to a stone post on the west bank of Long pond, and thence to a similar post on Rufus Wesson's land, and having

renewed all the marks and bounds on said line and subscribed this report our commission is closed.

Balch Dean, Prescott Brigham } For the Town of Shrewsbury

Worcester, Nov. 7, 1835 Guy S. Newton, Tho. Chamberlain, Eben[r]. L. Barnard } For the Town of Worcester

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, January 18, 1836.

Hon. John W. Lincoln was chosen, & presided as Moderator.

Art. 1. On the subject of the First article in the warrant [In relation to a petition of Timothy W. Bancroft to the County Commissioners that the Town had unreasonably refused to lay out a road from South (now Park) to Front street], It was Voted, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Art. 2. Voted, after discussion, that the further consideration of the subject of the Second article [Petition of Moses Perry and others to have the roads over the Common again thrown open] be postponed until the annual Town meeting in March next.

Art. 3d. Voted, to postpone the consideration of the subject of the Third article [Petition of Benjamin F. Heywood to have a road from the old to the new Grafton road discontinued] until the annual Town meeting in March next.

The meeting was then adjourned,

Att[s]. Sam[l]. Jennison, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, held at the Town Hall, in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, on Monday the fourteenth day of March A. D. 1836, the following described proceedings were had—viz.

Thomas Kinnicutt, Esq. was chosen and presided as moderator.

Charles A. Hamilton was chosen Town Clerk and took the oath of office before P. Merrick Esq. as per Certificate on file.

Voted, To choose Seven Selectmen.

Voted, To choose the Selectmen by General Ticket, and that the names of the qualified Voters of the Town be called and checked as the votes were handed in.

Voted, To choose Three Assessors by General Ticket, and that the votes, therefor, be received at the same time, that the votes for Selectmen were.

And the following named persons were chosen—viz.

For Selectmen there were given in 742 votes. Necessary for a choice 372 do.

*Thomas Kinnicutt	had 442 votes	*Simon S. Gates	had 441
*Ebenezer L. Barnard	" 423 "	*Edward H. Hemenway	449
*Lewis Chapin	" 441 "	*Thomas Harback	456
*Artemas Ward	" 443 "		

For Assessors there were given in 721 votes. Necessary for a choice 361.

John Gleason Jr.	had 560 votes	Thomas Chamberlain	had 468
John W. Lincoln	" 373 "		

Voted, That the Selectmen be Overseers of the Poor, for the ensuing year.

Voted, To pass to the consideration of the 6th article in the Warrant.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be the Collector of the Taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year and that he receive the same compensation, and make the same "abatements, to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes, within thirty, sixty and one hundred and twenty days, from the time the tax bills shall be committed to" him as last year. (That is to say; 6 per cent. if paid within 30 days—4 per cent. if paid within 60 days, and 2 per cent. if paid within 120 days.)

The Moderator having called for the votes for Treasurer and Collector, they were brought in, and after having been assorted and counted, it appeared that *Charles G. Prentiss was chosen.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of a School Committee, to consist of Nine persons, to be chosen by general ticket, and

Rev. Alonzo Hill, Rev. Rodney A. Miller, Rev. Mr. Peabody, Rev. Mr. Aldrich, Ira Barton, Calvin Willard, John Park, Emory Washburn, and Benja. F. Thomas, were chosen unanimously.

Voted, to choose a Committee, by nomination, to consist of three, to make an estimate of the amount of money, necessary to be raised, to meet the expenses of the Town, the ensuing year; and report the same at the adjournment of this meeting, and John W. Lincoln, Benja. Butman, and Otis Corbett, were chosen.

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*Sworn.

Voted to choose a Prudential School Committeeman, for each of the School Districts, except the First—as follows, viz, in District No. 2, Ansell Lakin. 3, Luther Capron. 4, Nath[l]. Elder. 5, John W. Lincoln. 6, Ward Pool. 7, Dan[l]. Harrington. 8, Curtis Rice. 9, Jonas Hartshorn. 10, Robert S. Gleason. 11, Thomas Nichols. 12, William Barber.

Voted, to choose Three Clerks of the Market; and *Gordon Gould, *Samuel Banister, & *Benja. P. Rice, were chosen.

Voted, to choose Twenty Highway Surveyors, that is, One to each Highway District; and the following named persons were chosen, viz. District No. 1, *Samuel Banister. 2, *Charles Blair. 3, †Guy S. Newton. 4, *Sumner Cook. 5, *Jona. W. Paine. 6, *Lewis Cutting. 7, *Edward Curtis. 8, *Elisha Taft. 9, *Nath[l]. Elder. 10, *Israel Whitney. 11, Joseph Converse. 12, ‡Newell Rice. 13, Darius Rice. 14, Benja. Porter. 15, Sam[l]. Putnam. 16, Curtis Rice. 17, Luther Dakin. 18, Amos R. Black. 19, Ezra Goddard. 20, Thomas Nichols.

Voted, to choose Three Surveyors of Lumber; and *Walter R. Bigelow, Lewis Bigelow, & *Wm. T. Merrifield were chosen.

Voted, to choose Thirteen Surveyors or Measurers of Wood & Bark, and *Henry Wheeler, *Dan[l]. Harris, *Eben[r]. Ball, Joseph H. Dow, *Archbald Willard, *Tho[s]. Harback, Jere[h]. Freeman, *Merrill Davis, Seth Fisher, *Pliny Holbrook, *Charles Boardman, *Pitt Holmes, & Simeon Gleason, were chosen.

Voted, to choose Five Fence Viewers, and *Ephraim Mower, Tho[s]. Chamberlain, *Clarendon Wheelock, Lewis Cutting & Nathan Heard, were chosen.

Voted, to choose Three Field Drivers in School District No. 1, and One in each of the other Districts, and *Fitzroy Willard, Levi A. Dowley, *Chas. Whittemore were chosen in District No. 1—and in District No. 2, *Levi Gates. 3, *Charles Hersey. 4, *Jubal Boyden. 5, *Josiah G. Perry. 6, *Seth Fisher. 7, Leonard Flagg. 8, Peter Bullard. 9, Joseph H. Dow. 10, *Robert S. Gleason. 11, *Tyler Childs. 12, Clement O. Reed were chosen.

Voted, to choose a Pound Keeper. *Aaron Howe was chosen.

Voted, to choose an additional Field Driver in School District No. 3. *Danforth H. Bundy was chosen.

Voted, to choose Five Constables—and *Clarendon Wheelock, *Asa Matthews, *Chas. P. Bancroft, *John F. Clark & *Wm. R. Wesson were chosen.

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*Sworn. †Affirmed. ‡Declines—served last year.

Voted, to choose an additional Constable in the Southeast part of the Town. *Seth Fisher was chosen.

Voted, that when this meeting shall be adjourned it be adjourned to the First Monday in April next at 10 o'Clock A. M.

17th Article, taken up, and it was Voted, that the "Town cause one [of] the Bells to be rung at Noon and at Nine of the Clock in the evening during the year."

Voted, to postpone all action under the 3d & 4th articles of the Warrant [votes for County Treasurer and Register of Deeds] untill the adjournment of the meeting.

Art. 5.—Voted, to allow to the Assessors, for their services for the current year the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, and that they perform the same duties as last year were performed except taking the census.

Art. 7.—Voted, that the same instructions, in regard to the collection of Taxes, be given to the Collector the current year as he received the last year.

Art. 8.—[Money for Town expenses] Postponed to the adjournment.

Art. 9. Voted, that the manner of repairing the Roads and Bridges within the Town will be the same as last year.

Art. 10. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [to see if the Town would macadamize any of the streets in the Center District] be refered to a Committee of Five to be chosen by nomination, who are to Report thereon, and Pliny Merrick, Benja. Butman, Is. Davis, Clarendon Wheelock, & Samuel D. Spurr were chosen.

Art. 11.—[Reports of officers and outstanding committees] Postponed to adjournment.

Art. 12. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [in relation to establishing a market house] be refered to a Committee of Twelve, to be nominated by the Chair, and to Report thereon at the adjournment, and Benja. Butman, Jno. W. Lincoln, Isaac Davis, Fred^{k}. W. Paine, Thos. Chamberlain, Luther Burnett, Jr. Nathan Heard, Lewis Chapin, Pliny Merrick, Stephen Salisbury, Otis Corbett & Saml. D. Spurr were chosen.

Voted to adjourn. Adjourned.

Attest, C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall, (at 10 o'Clock A. M.) on the Fourth day of April A. D.

*Sworn.

1836, by adjournment from the fourteenth day of March last, the following named proceedings were had, viz.

T. Kinnicutt, Esq. the Moderator, having opened the meeting, called upon the legal voters to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, under the 3d Article in the Warrant—The Poll was kept open untill nearly one o'clock, and on closing it, after sorting and counting the votes, it appeared that Anthony Chase had One Hundred & Sixty Four votes & Benja. Godard 2d. had one vote in all 165.

Article 4. Voted, to postpone acting on this article untill the afternoon.

Article 8. Voted, to postpone acting on this article untill afternoon.

Article 10. The Moderator read the Report of the Committee chosen at the last meeting to take the subject into consideration, and after some debate the subject matter was recommitted to the Committee, with a request that they would make a more particular and definite Report, and also report the difference in the cost of M^c^Adamizing and Paving—Voted, that two persons be added to said Committee, and Benja. F. Thomas & Fra^s^. T. Merrick were chosen.

Article 11th. The Moderator read Report of Committee on the subject of Building a Hospital for the reception of persons infected with contagious disorders—also read a prior Report on same subject—After some debate upon the size of the building, the whole subject was recommitted to same Committee, with instructions, to make an estimate of the expense of a building, two stories high, of proper proportions, with four rooms and a Kitchen upon the lower floor ; and report at the next meeting.

The Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was read by the moderator and accepted.

The moderator, as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, read the names of the persons appointed by said Board to be Engineers the current year.

The Report of the School Committee of the last year was read by Wm. N. Green Esq. and, after some debate, it was accepted.

Article 12th.—The Committee chosen at the last meeting to take the subject into consideration and report thereon, not being ready to make their report the subject was postponed untill afternoon.

Article 13. Voted that the Town do "adopt and approve of the 2d and 3d sections of an Act, concerning the appointment of Enginemen."

Article 14.—The Subject matter of this article [charges for burials] was refered to the Selectmen with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting.

Article 15. Voted, that the "Town cause the Lamps in the Streets in the Center School District to be lighted the current year" and that the Selectmen have charge thereof."

Article 16th.—Voted, that the Town "take charge of the Clocks of the 1st and 2d Parishes," the current year, "and defray the expense of the same."

Article 18. Voted, that the Town do not suspend the operations of the Laws of the Commonwealth in relation to killing certain Birds.

Article 19.—Voted, that the Town do not appropriate any money to be expended in trimming Trees &c. &c.

20th. Voted, that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the purpose of Fencing or otherwise improving the Burial Ground on Raccoon Plain.

21st. Voted, that the Town do reconsider their Vote whereby they accepted the Report of a Committee on the Tenth day of November last, relative to the appropriation of the Land purchased of the assignees of Col. S. Ward.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

At two o'clock P. M. the meeting was again opened by the moderator.

The consideration of the 21st article was resumed and after considerable debate the subject matter of the article and the Reports of two former Committees were committed to a new Committee to consist of ten.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to be nominated by the Chair, who shall nominate the above named Committee of ten—and F. W. Paine, S. B. Thomas, Chas. Blair, B. F. Thomas and Nathan Heard were chosen, which said nominating Committee after a few moments absence, came in and Reported the following named persons to compose said Committee of ten viz.

John W. Lincoln, Thos. Kinnicutt, Sam[l]. B. Thomas, Benja. Flagg, Rejoice Newton, Jona. Harrington, Henry Heywood, John P. Kettell, Silas Barber & Eben[r]. L. Barnard, and they were accepted.

Article 4th. The Moderator called for the votes for a Register of Deeds for the County to be brought in, and after having been assorted and counted, it appeared that Artemas Ward had One Hundred & Ninety six votes and Benja. Goddard 2d had Two votes.

Voted, that School District No. 1 be permitted to choose their own Prudential School Committee.

Voted, to choose an additional measurer of Wood & Bark. *Frederick Warren was chosen.

Voted to choose a Highway Surveyor in place of Newell Rice, declined. *Sewall Rice was chosen.

Voted to choose a measurer of Wood & Bark in Quinsigamond Village. *Adolphus Taft was chosen.

Article 22d. Voted, "that the Common be opened, so far as may be necessary to locate a Public Highway through the same —and that all monies, with interest therein, which have been expended in Fencing the same, be refunded to the subscribers thereof, respectively."

Voted, "that the Common be so far thrown open as may be necessary to locate the two roads across the same as formerly travelled."

Voted, to "request the Selectmen of said Worcester to lay out a road, commencing near the School House and running across the Common near the Town House, so as to comprehend the road formerly travelled."

Voted, not to "accept the road leading from Front Street to South Street as recently laid out by the County Commissioners."

J. W. Lincoln, one of the Committee chosen to take into consideration the subject of a Market House, under the 12th article in the Warrant, came in and read a Report of the Committee, which was objected to by Gen[l]. Heard, one of the Committee, whereupon the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

John W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Committee, chosen to make an estimate of the amount of money, necessary to be raised, to meet the expenses of the Town, the ensuing year, made the following Report, viz.

"The Committee appointed to estimate the sum of money which it may be expedient for the Town to raise to defray the necessary expenses of the Town for the current year have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully submit the following Report.

That there be raised for the support of Roads and Bridges		$2,500
for new Roads		4,200
for Schools, for pay of Instructors	$4,000	
for contingent expenses	500	4,500

*Sworn.

(The School money to be appropriated and divided as follows· The sum of 900 $ to be allowed for the Grammar School. $250 to be divided equally among School Districts from No. 2 to No. 12 inclusive, and the remainder to be divided among all the Districts in the proportion of the number of minors in each)

For compensation of Assessors & Treasurer	$350 —
For abatement & Discount on Taxes	1,100 —
For ringing Bell and expenses of Funerals	300 —
For care of Clocks	40 —
For Lighting of Streets	350 —
For Engine Men	150 —
For Fire Department	100 —
For Town Debt principal 1,500 Interest 766	2,266 —
For contingent expenses	500 —
For support of the Poor	1,400 —
	$17,756

For the Committee John W. Lincoln

Voted, to amend the Report, by appropriating for the Fire Department the sum of 800 $ instead of $100. Voted, that the Report, as amended be accepted, and that the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town and upon such property of Nonresident Proprietors, within the Town as is liable, by law, to taxation.

Voted, to reconsider the vote passed on the 14th day of March last fixing the compensation of the Treasurer and Collector.

Voted, to give the Treasurer & Collector the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for his services the ensuing year.

Voted, That the assessors be instructed to return to the Selectmen a List of all minors and aliens whom they have taxed.

Article 23d. Voted, that the Report of the Selectmen on the Petition of Abijah Bigelow, establishing a private way "beginning at a point on the northeastwardly side of said Bigelow's land where said road intersects the new County road leading to Grafton, thence S. 73° E. 3 4-10 rods—thence S. 57° E. 27 rods—thence S. 68° E. 14 rods—thence S. 82° E. 9½ rods—thence S. 86° E. 7 6-10 rods—the said private way being on the northeasterly side of said described line, and of the same width as the present road," be accepted.

The subject of the 3d article in the Warrant for a meeting

holden in January last, having been postponed to the "annual Town meeting in March," then next, was brought up, and it was thereupon Voted, that so much of the Report of the Selectmen upon the subject matter [petition of B. F. Heywood mentioned on page 77], as is not inconsistent with the vote last above recorded, be accepted.

Ira Barton, Calvin Willard, John Park and Emery Washburn, four of the School Committee chosen on the 14th ult. see page 76 having declined the office it was Voted, to proceed to the choice of four School Committee men in their stead, to be voted for on one ticket. The votes having been brought in and assorted and counted it appeared that the whole number of votes were 11 Necessary to a choice 6 Abiel Jaques had 6 votes William N. Green 11 Alfred D. Foster 6 There being still one vacancy the moderator called for the votes to fill it, and the whole number of votes brought in were 13 Necessary to a choice 7 No person having that number, the moderator again called for the votes to fill said vacancy, and there were brought in 17 votes. Necessary to a choice 9. Abijah Bigelow had 9 votes.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the First Monday of next May at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest, C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

May 2. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday the second day of May 1836 by adjournment from the 4th day of April last, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Thomas Kinnicutt Esq. the Moderator, having called the meeting to order, and the 10th article in the warrant [petition for a lamp at corner of Church and Mechanic streets] being the first one to be acted upon it was brought up, and it was thereupon voted to pass over it, for the present.

John W. Lincoln asked to be excused from serving as an Assessor, the current year, on account of his engagements as a County Commissioner; and his request having been granted, the moderator called upon the legal voters, to bring in their votes for an Assessor, to fill the place of Col. Lincoln—no votes being ready, it was decided to leave the poll open, and proceed to other matters.

A report of a Committee, chosen April 4, 1836, to superintend paving Main Street was read by the Moderator; whereupon it was Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to pay said Committee the

amount of expenses incurred by them as stated in their Report, viz. $17,36.

The Report of the Committee chosen to take into consideration the subject of building a Hospital for the reception of persons having contagious diseases, in accordance with the instructions given them made a Report which was read by the Moderator, whereupon it was Voted, to accept the same, and that the Selectmen be a Committee to carry the object of the report into effect.

Voted, to reconsider the vote of the town passed April 4, 1836 whereby they accepted the report of the Committee of Estimate.

Voted, to amend said report by adding 50 $ to amount appropriated for the Grammar School, for the purpose of giving to Charles Thurber, the Master, $900—and for contingent expenses $50.

Voted, that the report as amended be accepted and assessed &c &c.

Voted that the sum of two hundred dollars be added to the amount appropriated for the fencing &c. the Burial Ground on Raccoon Plain—and that the Selectmen be a Committee to Superintend said Fencing.

Article 12. Report of Committee read. Voted to commit the subject to a new Committee to consist of one from each school District to be nominated by the Chair.

The time having arrived for the meeting under the warrant recorded on the two preceding pages, it was voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour—at the expiration of which time, the meeting was again opened by the Moderator, and the poll for Assessor closed. After assorting and counting the votes, it appeared that Alpheus Merrifield was chosen.

The Chair reported the following named gentlemen to compose the Committee under the 12th article, viz.

1 Rejoice Newton,	5 John W. Lincoln,	9 Cyrus Lovell,
2 Charles Blair,	6 John Flagg,	10 Benja. Reed,
3 Henry Heywood,	7 Jona. Harrington,	11 Thos. Chamberlain,
4 Lewis Chapin,	8 Ebenr. L. Barnard,	12 William Barber.

Accepted.

Voted, that 4 persons from School Districts No. 1 be added to said Committee, to be nominated by the Chair, and Stephen Salisbury, Artemas Ward, Benja. Heywood & Fras. T. Merrick were chosen.

Article 14.—Report of Committee read.—recommending the sum of 2 $ to be paid to the Sexton for his services at each Funeral. Voted to accept said Report.

Article 21. Report of Committee, chosen April 4, 1836 was

read by J. W. Lincoln (Chairman) which, after considerable debate, was rejected. 2 former reports read by moderator—when, after much debate and an unsuccessful attempt to amend the report of the Committee chosen Sept. 28, 1835, which was accepted Nov. 10, 1835, and which vote of acceptance was reconsidered on said 4th day of April, 1836, it was Voted, that the whole subject be recommitted to said Committee chosen on said 28th day of September, with instructions to report substance of former report except that no part of said Burial Ground should be exposed for sale as Burial Lots—Also voted that the subject of the remainder of this article be refered to the same Committee.

Voted, to choose an additional Field Driver in westerly part of the town. *George W. Mower was chosen.

Article 10. Voted to postpone the subject of this article [lamp at Church and Mechanic streets] indefinitely.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in June next, at 2 o'clock P. M. whenever it shall be adjourned.

Voted, to reconsider the vote passed the 14th day of March last, passed under the 9th article of the warrant. [and] Voted, the Roads and Bridges in the town be repaired in the same manner that they were the last year and that the price of labor for a man shall be at the discretion of the Highway Surveyor employing the help, but not to exceed twelve and a half cents per hour.

Adjourned C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

May 2, 1836. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall on Monday the second day of May, A. D. 1836, at 3 o'clock P. M. by virtue of a warrant, a copy of which is entered on pages 479 & 480 [original volume], the following proceedings were had, viz.

The meeting was called to order, and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Thomas Kinnicutt Esq. chosen Moderator.

As the business of the meeting, called under the Warrant, had not been completed, it was voted, to adjourn this meeting for one hour. At the expiration of the time for which the meeting was adjourned, it was called to order, and opened by [the] moderator.

Article 1st. [in regard to paving Main street] postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 2d. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article

*Sworn.

["To see if the Town will take any measures to require the Boston & Worcester Rail Road Corporation to widen the Road in Pine Meadow where said Corporation has encroached upon the same or to obtain damages for such encroachment."] to the Selectmen.

Article 3d. Voted to choose a Committee to consist of Six persons, to confer with Mr. Salisbury, and report to the town, the legal rights and obligations of either party, to support the disputed part of [the] Bridge [over the dam near his factory] and S. M. Burnside, Charles Allen, Otis Corbett, Pliny Merrick, Alph^{s}. Merrifield & Thomas Harback were chosen.

Article 4th. Voted, to refer the subject to the Selectmen, with instructions to purchase a Hearse if necessary, or expedient.

Article 5th. Voted to refer this article [in regard to widening the bridge on Central street] to the Selectmen, with instructions to report thereon, at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 6th. Voted to choose a Committee by nomination, to consist of three persons, to settle with the Town Treasurer, & report to the town and Otis Corbett, Thos. Chamberlain & Nathan Heard, were chosen.

Article 7th. Voted, that the Committee last chosen, also be a Committee to settle with the late Board of Selectmen & report to the town.

Article 8: Voted, that the subject matter of this article [in regard to allowing the Norwich and Worcester railroad corporation to cross the Common] be committed to a Committee to consist of 5 persons to be chosen by nomination, and make report to the town. and Saml. M. Burnside, John W. Lincoln, Otis Corbett, Isaac Davis & Benja. Butman, were chosen.

Voted, that when this meeting be adjourned it shall be adjourned to the first Monday in June next, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

Adjourned Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. May 16, 1836. Then personally appeared John Gleason Junior, Thomas Chamberlain, and Alpheus Merrifield chosen Assessors of the town of Worcester for the year ensuing and took the oath of office required by law to be taken by Assessors. Before me Chas. G. Prentiss, Justice of the Peace.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday June 6, 1836. At a legal meeting of the town holden

by adjournment from the the 14th day of March last to the 4th day of April ; and from the 4th day of April to the 2d day of May ; and from the 2d day of May to this 6th day of June, at 2 o'clock P. M. at which time the meeting was called to order and opened by T. Kinnicutt, Moderator.

Art. 12—The Committee chosen under this article [hospital for contagious diseases] not being ready to report, the consideration thereof was postponed for a short time.

Article 21—The report of a Committee to whom the subject matter [land for a burial ground] of this article was refered was read by the Moderator.

Voted to accept the Report ;—and that the sum of $600—recommended by said Report, be raised for the purposes therein mentioned.

Voted, that an addition be made to the sum voted to be raised for the repairs of Roads & Bridges in the town, for the following named purposes, to wit, that the sum of One hundred and Fifty Dollars be raised for the purpose of building an arched Stone Bridge in Central Street, near the house of Samuel D. Spurr ; and that the Selectmen contract with Thomas Harback to build it at that price, he having expressed a willingness to enter into such contract.

Voted, also, that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars be raised for the purpose of repairing the other Bridges in town.

The Committee chosen under the 12th article made a Report which was read by their Chairman, R. Newton, recommending a suspension of all action on the subject, and it was therefore Voted that the report be accepted.

Voted, that all the sums of money which [have been appropriated?] shall be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town and upon all taxable property of non-residents, which may be in the town.

Voted to choose another Surveyor of Lumber. *Alpheus Merrifield was chosen.

Voted, to choose another Field Driver. Thomas Harback was chosen. Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday, June 6, 1836. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, held by adjournment from the Second day of May last to

*Sworn.

this Sixth day of June, at 2½ o'clock P. M. they were called to order and the meeting opened by T. Kinnicutt, the moderator, when the following proceedings were had, viz.

Art. 1st. [paving of Main street] Voted, to postpone indefinitely.

Art. 3d. [Mr. Salisbury's bridge] Report of Committee read by S. M. Burnside, Chairman. Voted to accept the Report—and to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of the article.

Art. 5. [widening of bridge on Central street] Voted to postpone indefinitely.

Art. 6. Committee [to settle with treasurer] not ready to report.

Art. 7. do [to settle with late board of Selectmen] not ready to report.

Art. 8. Report of Committee [in regard to Norwich and Worcester railroad crossing the Common] read by S. M. Burnside, Chairman.

The time having arrived for the opening of a meeting under a new warrant, it was voted to adjourn this meeting for ten minutes:—at the expiration of which time the meeting was again opened.

After much debate the Report was accepted.

Voted, that the Report of the Committee, and the two accompanying Notes, be recorded in the town records;—and they are as follows, viz.

The Committe to whom was refered the consideration of the Eighth article, having devoted to the subject that careful attention, which its importance seemed to demand, submit the following report:—

That they might furnish to the town, such information as would enable them to judge correctly, and decide understandingly in regard to the proposed location of the Worcester and Norwich Rail Road across the Common, your Committee through their Chairman, addressed a Note to Ebenezer D. Ammidon Esq. the Agent of that Corporation, to which a reply was received, accompanied by a profile of the Road, exhibiting its direction, extent, limits, cuts and embankments.

To these papers your Committee refer, and desire that they may be considered as part of their report:—In view of the facts and statements they present, your Committee forbear to express any opinion respecting the action of the town upon this subject; believing it to be unnecessary, and not called for by the vote,

which assigned to them their duty. They only recommend, that if the town should vote to relinquish all claims to damage, by reason of the location contemplated, it should be upon the express condition, that the Corporation enter into a legal contract, that the portion of the Common taken for the road, shall not be greater than is necessary or convenient for their tracks ;—that it shall never be used by them, but for the purpose of passing Cars ;—that no buildings of any description, shall ever be erected or suffered to be erected, within the lines of said Road over the Common :—and that no Lumber, Baggage, or other article shall ever be suffered to lie within said lines :—And upon this further condition, that in case the Western Rail Road Corporation shall determine to construct their road also across said Common, they shall be permitted, upon reasonable terms, to pass upon the same grading, but so as not to interfere with the tracks of the Worcester and Norwich Company.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. M. Burnside, per order.

Note of S. M. Burnside to E. D. Ammidon refered to above.

Eben^{r}. D. Ammidon Esq.

Agent of the Boston & Nor. R. R. Corpo^{n}.,

Sir, At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, on the 2d inst. the 8th article in the Warrant was refered to a Committee of whom I am Chairman, to consider and report thereon—The article alluded to is in the words following, "To see if the town will grant permission, and on what terms, to the N. & W. R. R. Corporation to build their road across the Common so as to join the Boston & Wor. R. Road near the depot of the latter." I am instructed by the Comm^{ee}. above mentioned to obtain from you, Sir, as Agent of the Corpo^{n}. at whose request the article was inserted in the town warrant, such information as will enable them to judge of the interests of the town in relation to the proposed location—I would therefore thank you to inform me what is the precise location of the road across the Common? how much land it includes? and the distance of the western line from the South Meeting House and from the Town Hall—also whether any and what cuts and embankments will be necessary in the construction of the road? Respectfully Yours,

Worcester, May 19, 1836. S. M. Burnside.

Worcester, May 21st, 1836.

Dear Sir : Yours of the 19th inst. is before me, asking infor-

mation in regard to the location of the Norwich & Worcester Rail Road across the Common near the South Meeting House in Worcester—also if any and what cuts and embankments are necessary in the construction of said Road—In reply I will state, that the centre of the location enters the northerly side of Front Street thirteen feet easterly of the corner of the Brick Store occupied by Mr. Partridge & others and about the same distance westerly from the dwelling house of Mr. F. T. Merrick—From thence it runs southerly across the said Common passing the Town Hall at the distance of 110 feet, and the Meeting House, at 73 feet—This you will remember is the centre line of the location of five rods in width—The nearest rail of the Road will be laid about eight feet nearer the Meeting House, which will leave 65 feet between the nearest track and the House—We may wish to lay the rails a little further from the House but no nearer, this will depend upon the location of the Depot—For the grade of the Road I would refer you to the profile herewith submitted, by which you will find a filling of one foot & 7 inches at Front Street and near the centre of the Common there would be a filling of one foot & 6 in—at South Street there would be an excavation of Two feet two inches which cutting and embankments could be made broad and gradual in their cross sections so as not to disfigure the Streets or Common—I have been thus definite in the descriptions of the location in order that your town may know the full bearing it will have upon their interests in the Common & adjacent buildings and I hope it will prove satisfactory—Our Company will at all times be pleased to consult the wishes and interest of your town and such inhabitants thereof as may be affected by the location of this road.

I remain Respectfully Yours,

Ebr. D. Ammidown,

Agent of the Boston, Norwich & New London Rail Road Co.

S. M. Burnside, Esq. Worcester.

In consideration of the foregoing premises it was Voted, that the town do hereby relinquish to the Boston, Norwich and New London Rail Road Corporation, all claim to any damage which may accrue to the town by reason of the location of said Rail Road over and across the Common, near the South Meeting House, in such manner as is indicated by a profile of said Road, furnished to the town by Ebenezer D. Ammidown, Esq. Agent, to S. M. Burnside ;—Upon condition however, that said Corporation enter into express contract with the town, that the portion of said Common taken for said Road, shall not be greater than is

necessary or convenient for their tracks; that it shall never be used but for the purpose of passing cars; that no buildings of any description shall ever be erected, or suffered to be erected within the lines of said road over the Common; and that no Lumber, Baggage or other article shall ever be suffered to lie within said lines; and upon this further condition, that in case the Western Rail Road Corporation shall determine to construct their road also across said Common, they shall be permitted, upon reasonable terms to pass upon the same grading, but so as not to interfere with the tracks of the Worcester and Norwich Company—and provided, that Steam Engines attached to freight or passenger Cars shall not be permitted to pass the Common or Streets contiguous to the same.

Voted, that the Chairman of the Committee who have had the foregoing subject under consideration, be requested to communicate the foregoing vote to said Rail Road Corporation.

Article 9. Voted, that a Committee, to consist of five persons, to be nominated by the Chair, be chosen for the purpose of purchasing a lot of land and causing to be built thereon a suitable School House in the vicinity of the Red Mill, so called.

Wm. B. Fox, Thos. Harback, Sam[l] Harrington Jr., Abijah Bigelow & John Coe were chosen.

Voted, that the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars be raised for the purpose of carrying into effect the preceding vote, and that the same be assessed upon the polls & estates &c. &c. &c.

Article 10. Voted to postpone the consideration of this article [in relation to a lamp on Mechanic street.] indefinitely.

Article 11. Report of Selectmen [upon petition of S. B. Thomas for a highway from Main to Summer street] read whereupon it was voted that it be placed on file.

Article 12.—Voted, that the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars be raised for the purpose of "building a Hospital to prevent the spreading of infectious diseases" and that the same be expended by the Selectmen in accordance with a vote passed on the 2d ult. —and also that said sum of $1800 be assessed upon the polls & estates of Inhabitants &c. &c.

Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour—at the expiration of which time the meeting was again opened, whereupon it was

Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the second Monday in November next, at four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, June 6, 1836. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday the sixth day of June A. D. 1836, at three o'clock P. M. in accordance with the foregoing Warrant, they were called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the said Warrant; whereupon it was

Voted, to choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Thomas Kinnicutt was chosen.

The business of the meeting under a former warrant not having been completed, it was voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour.

After the business of said former meeting had been completed, this meeting was again opened when the following proceedings were had, viz.

Article 1st. Voted, to postpone the consideration of this article [in relation to laying out a town way from the Boston & Worcester Turnpike to the Quarry on Mill Stone Hill] to the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 2d. Voted to postpone the consideration of this article [in relation to a private way from the Quarry on Mill Stone Hill to near house on the Crawford Farm] to the adjournment of the meeting.

Article 3d. Voted, to refer the subject matter of this article [in relation to constructing reservoirs for the purpose of extinguishing fires] to a Committee, consisting of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, to report thereon at the adjournment.

Article 4th. Voted, to refer the subject matter of this article [in relation to supplying the two Fire Societies in town with ladders] to the above named Committee.

Article 5th. Voted, to postpone this article [in relation to placing and supporting lamps on Green street] indefinitely.

Article 6th. Voted to postpone the consideration of this article to the adjournment of the meeting.

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to the twentieth instant at two o'clock P. M. Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Worcester, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester, on the fourth Tuesday in March A. D. 1836.

Upon the petition of Timothy W. Bancroft setting forth that on the 5th day of September A. D. 1835, the Selectmen of the town of Worcester laid out within said town and for the use of the Inhabitants thereof a private or town way described as follows: Beginning on the Southerly side of Front Street about Fifteen feet from the tavern-house now occupied by Aaron Howe at a stake driven into the ground, thence proceeding south 5½° west, one chain and ninety links across the lands of the heirs of Nathaniel Eaton, late of Worcester, deceased, thence in the same course and direction across the land belonging to William B. Fox and Alfred D. Foster, five chains and thirty four links to South Street. The road was laid out fifty feet wide, on the easterly side of said described line; and that on the 28th day of the same September, said Selectmen reported said road and the location thereof to said Town of Worcester at a public meeting of the Inhabitants thereof regularly notified, and warned, and the said town at said meeting did unreasonably delay and refuse to approve and allow said way or road, so laid by said Selectmen as aforesaid, and to put the same, on record. And the said Bancroft further states that he is aggrieved by such delay and refusal, and prays that the County Commissioners after due proceedings had, would accept and approve of said road as laid out as aforesaid, and direct the same to be recorded in the Town Book, or would proceed to lay out a road as petitioned for, in the same manner County roads are laid out.

On the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners caused notice to be given to all persons and corporations interested, that they would meet at the house of Warner Hinds, in said Worcester, on Monday, the first day of February last, at two o'clock P. M. by publishing an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon, in the Worcester Palladium, a newspaper printed in said Worcester, three weeks successively, the last publication being fourteen days before the said first day of February last, and also by causing the Clerk of the Town of Worcester to be served by Asa Matthews, a deputy sheriff of said County, with an attested copy of said petition, and the order thereon thirty days at least, before said day of meeting, and by posting up in two public places in said town of Worcester, attested copies of said petition, and the order thereon, not less than fourteen days before said first day of February last, for the purpose of viewing the route set forth in said petition, of hearing all persons and corporations interested therein, who might then and there desire to be heard thereon, and if they should adjudge that the said petition

ought to be granted, to accept or lay out, and locate a new road over the route aforesaid, and to assess all such damages, as any person or corporation might sustain in consequence of such location.

And the said Commissioners having met at the time, place, and for the purposes before mentioned, proceeded to view the route described in said petition, and having heard the petitioner in relation thereto and no person or corporation appearing to object to the granting of the prayer thereof, it was adjudged that the said town of Worcester, did unreasonably neglect, and refuse to accept and approve the report of the Selectmen of said town, locating a town road from Front Street, to South Street in said town.

And thereupon the said Commissioners proceeded to lay out a town road as follows; Beginning at a point on Front Street on the South side thereof, and the line of said street running from said point S. 79½° E. the said point of beginning being N. 43½° E. of and 15½ feet distant from the northeast corner of the house now occupied by Aaron Howe, and belonging to the heirs of Nathaniel Eaton, deceased; thence from said point of beginning over land of said heirs S. 5½° W. 1 chain, and 90 links to land of William B. Fox, and Alfred D. Foster, and for this distance, the location is wholly over the land of the said heirs of Nathaniel Eaton deceased; thence in the same direction S. 5½° W. over land of said Fox, and Foster, 5 chains and 34 links in a line with a post, and rail fence, now standing on land of said Fox and Foster, to South Street, of this last distance, the location is about 12 inches wide at the north end, and east side, and 3 inches wide at South Street, at the South end, on land, which was purchased of Messrs: Fox and Foster, by William Otis and Nelson Brown; and the remainder over land of said Fox and Foster; the said road, being located 50 feet wide, east of, and adjoining the bounds before mentioned.

And for the purpose of rendering the access and egress to and from said road, in a direction to and from Green Street more convenient, the Commissioners made a location of a small triangular piece of land, east of said located road, and north of South Street, for the purpose of widening said new road, on the east side, and south end, as follows, beginning on the east line of said new road described as being parrallel to and 50 feet distant from the west line of said road, as before particularly mentioned at a point 30 feet distant from South Street, on a line with the east line of said road, northerly of said point, thence S. 14° E. touching the South west corner of the house of Messrs. Nelson Brown and

James Flagg 41 feet to the north side of South Street, thence N. 53¼ W. on said South Street 17½ feet to a point in the direction with the general direction of the east line of said located road, thence No. 5½° E. in the same direction of the east line of said road, northerly of said widening 30 feet, to the point first mentioned as the beginning of the location of said triangular piece of land. The Commissioners were informed that by a recent exchange of property that, of the land before mentioned as having been purchased of Messrs. Fox and Foster, by Messrs. Otis and Brown; 55 feet on the South end measuring on the west line was owned by himself and Mr. James Flagg together with the house before mentioned, and that the remainder of said land belonging to William Otis; that he (the said Brown) did not claim anything in damages. And no person or corporation having claimed that they should sustain any damages in consequence of said location or requested that any compensation should be assessed to them therefor.

And the said Commissioners having carefully viewed the premises for the purpose of determining the effect said location might have on adjoining property were of opinion resulting from such examination that the several owners of the land over which said road was located would derive greater benefits and advantages from its being opened for use, than a fair equivalent for the value of the land taken from either or any of them. The County Commissioners therefore adjudged that no damages be awarded to the Heirs of Nathaniel Eaton deceased, to William B. Fox, to Alfred D. Foster, to William Otis, to Nelson Brown, or to James Flagg, they having considered that no person will sustain any damage in consequence of the location of said road.

And it is now ordered that the town of Worcester cause the said road to be worked, and made safe, and convenient for persons to pass over with their horses, teams, carts and carriages, and that it be so made and completed, before the first day of June next, to the acceptance of the Selectmen of said town.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of the foregoing adjudication and order be transmitted to the Town Clerk of said town of Worcester, there to be recorded in their Town Book of Records that the said road made, be known for all future time as a Town road, and used as such.

John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

A Copy of record attest Jos. G. Kendall, Cler.

Received June 9, 1836, and recorded by

C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

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Monday, June 20. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, qualified to vote in town affairs at the Town Hall on Monday the twentieth day of June, A. D. 1836, (by adjournment from the sixth instant) the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Meeting opened by Thos. Kinnicutt, Moderator.

Article 1st. Report of Selectmen read; recommending the laying out of town road [from B. & W. turnpike to the quarry on Millstone Hill].

Voted not to accept the report.

" to postpone the subject indefinitely.

Article 2d. [Road from Quarry to Crawford farm] The same votes passed as under the 1st article.

Article 3d. [In relation to constructing reservoirs] Postponed to the adjournment.

Article 4th. [Ladders for Fire Societies] do — do — do.

" 5th. [Lamps on Green street] acted upon at former meeting.

Article 6th. Voted that "the town do give discretionary power to the Selectmen to offer rewards for the apprehension & conviction of incendiaries who set fire to buildings within the town."

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday the 11th day of July next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday, July 11, 1836. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden by adjournment from June 6 to June 20, and from June 20 to this 11th day of July at 2 o'clock P. M. at the Town Hall, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Meeting opened by T. Kinnicutt, Moderator.

The Committee chosen at a former meeting under the 3d. & 4th. articles, not being ready to report, the meeting was adjourned for one hour.

At the expiration of which time the meeting was again opened by [the] Moderator, when the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department came in and read the report of the Board; which was accepted.

Voted, that the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be a Committee for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects

of the Report; and that they make report of their doings at some future meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be disssolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday July 11. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall on this eleventh day of July A. D. 1836, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in accordance with the foregoing warrant, the following named proceedings were had, viz.

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by Town Clerk, whereupon Thos. Kinnicutt was chosen Moderator.

The first article in the warrant having been read by the moderator, he called upon those present for an expression of opinions relative thereto; when, after some debate, Mr. Ammidown, the Agent of the B. N. & N. L. R. R. Co. being in the House it was voted that he be requested to state the views of the Company in relation to the part of the road that is to cross the Common—which request he complied with—And after some farther debate it was Voted, that the Town do reconsider, repeal and annul so much of a vote passed at a town meeting held by adjournment on the sixth day of June last in relation to the location of a Rail-Road across the Common in said town, by the Boston, Norwich, & New London Rail-road Company as restrains or prohibits the passing of Steam Engines across said Common, or the Streets contiguous to the same, attached to freight or passenger Cars.

Article 2d. Voted, to choose a Committee, by nomination, to consist of three persons, to superintend the fencing and preparing the Burying Ground on the Tatnuck Road, according to the vote passed on that subject on the 6th day of June last. And Wm. Lincoln, Is. Davis, & S. M. Burnside were chosen.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on the second day of July A. D. 1836, the following vote was passed, as per their records, of which the following is a copy—to wit—"Voted to establish a sidewalk five feet wide on the east side of Cross Street No. 1. in front of Daniel Goddard's & Gardner Paine's land"—And on the first day of October in the same year, the following vote was passed, as per their records, to wit, "Voted, that a side

walk be established five feet wide, on the west side of Cross Street No. 1, in front of Deac. Daniel Goddard's land, with a suitable turn, at the corner, into Mechanic Street."

Monday November 14, 1836. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden in accordance with the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on Monday the fourteenth day of November, A. D. 1836, at nine o'clock A. M. Thomas Kinnicutt Esq. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen presiding, the votes, as hereafter written, were given in, assorted and counted, and record thereof made, in open town meeting, as follows, viz.

For Governor, whole No. Eight Hundred & ninety four.

Edward Everett, had Five Hundred & Seventy seven.
Marcus Morton, had Three Hundred & Seventeen.

For Lieutenant Governor, whole No. Eight Hundred & ninety six.

George Hull, Five Hundred and Eighty four.
William Foster, Three Hundred and twelve.

For Senators & Councillors—Whole no. Eight Hundred & ninety

Charles Hudson had Five Hundred & eighty one.
Charles Russell " Five Hundred & eighty two.
Charles Allen " Five Hundred & eighty three.
Linus Child " Five Hundred & eighty.
Ethan A. Greenwood Five Hundred & eighty one.
William Hancock had Five Hundred & eighty one.
Alexander DeWitt " Three Hundred & twelve.
John Spurr " Three Hundred & ten.
Joseph Knox " Three Hundred & six.
Sullivan Sumner " Three Hundred & seven.
Nathaniel Wood " Three Hundred & eleven.
Charles Sibley " Three Hundred & nine.

Henry Prentiss.	had one.	Stephen Salisbury	had one
Isaac Davis	" one.	Samuel D. Spurr	" one.
John Coe	" one.	E. Merriam	" one.
E. Cushing	" one.		

For Electors of President & Vice President of the United States.

At Large.—Whole number of ballots—Eight Hundred & eighty four.

Nathaniel Silsbee, Five Hundred & Eighty seven votes.
Edward A. Newton, Five Hundred and Eighty seven.
Nathan Willis, Two Hundred and Ninety seven. Pittsfield
Seth Whitmarsh, Two Hundred and Ninety seven Seekonk

For Districts, Whole No. Eight Hundred & Eighty four.

No. 1. Samuel Appleton, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Boston

" Caleb Eddy, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Boston

No. 2. Leverett Saltenstall, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Salem

" Robert Rantoul, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Beverly

No. 3. Benjamin Walker, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Lowell

" Joseph Kittridge, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Andover

No. 4. Loammi Baldwin, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Charlestown

" Francis Tuttle, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Acton

No. 5. Joseph G. Kendall, Five Hundred and Eighty six votes Worcester

" Samuel Taylor, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Sutton

No. 6. Samuel Lee, Two Hundred and Eighty seven votes Barre

" Samuel C. Allen, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Northfield

No. 7. Thomas Longley, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Hawley

" Joseph Fitch, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes New Marlborough

No. 8. Isaac C. Bates, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Northampton

" Harvey Chapin, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Springfield

No. 9. Bezaleel Taft Jr., Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Uxbridge

" Benjamin P. Williams, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Roxbury

No. 10. Howard Lothrop, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Easton

" Nathan C. Brownell, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Westport

No. 11. Charles W. Morgan, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes New Bedford

" Thomas Mandell, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes New Bedford

No. 12. Charles J. Holmes, Five Hundred and Eighty seven votes Rochester

" Jabez P. Thompson, Two Hundred and Ninety seven votes Halifax

For a Representative in Congress,

Levi Lincoln, Five Hundred and seventy six.

Jubal Harrington, Two Hundred and ninety four.

Waldo Flint, One Linus Child, One Nathaniel Ward, One.

Whole no. of ballots, Eight Hundred & seventy three.

Amendment of the Constitution [Resolve of the General Court approved by the Governor April 1, 1836.]

For it, Three Hundred and ninety two. Against it, Forty two

Whole no. of Ballots, Four Hundred & thirty four.

The votes having been given in, counted and recorded as aforesaid, declaration thereof was made, and returns, according to the Constitution and the Law, were made out, and sealed up, in open town meeting.

It was voted, to choose Eight Representatives upon one ballot.

The votes therefor having been given in, assorted and counted, were as follows, viz. for

Thomas Chamberlain	577	Maturin L. Fisher	168
William Lincoln	565	Moses Spooner	143
Thomas Kinnicutt	537	Guy S. Newton	24
John Coe	544	Jonathan Harrington	17
David Wadsworth	553	Horatio N. Tower	15
Ebenezer L. Barnard	558	Francis Thaxter	14
Edward H. Hemenway	538	Ebenezer Collier	14
Benjamin Godard 2d	537	Benjamin Butman	4
Jubal Harrington	308	Samuel D. Spurr	1
Nathaniel Stowell	319	Charles Blair	4
Benjamin Flagg	317	Emery Washburn	3
Caleb Newcomb	314	Ichabod Washburn	2
Luther Burnett Jr.	312	John P. Kettell	2
Joseph Converse	324	Thomas Harback	3
Samuel Banister	318	George T. Rice	1

The whole number of ballots was 895
Necessary to a choice 448

Thomas Chamberlain, William Lincoln, Thomas Kinnicutt, John Coe, David Wadsworth, Ebenezer L. Barnard, Edward H. Hemenway and Benjamin Godard 2d having received the requisite number of votes, were declared to be elected as Representatives to the General Court from this town.

The Selectmen, having prepared four ballot boxes, with a printed label upon each, designating the office for which the votes were to be cast in (to wit, one box for the votes for Governor & Senators & Counselors—one for Electors of President & Vice President—one for a Representative in Congress—and one for Representatives in the General Court of this Com.) gave notice to the Inhabitants, that they must be careful, and put their votes into the right ballot boxes, as the said Selectmen would not count any votes, that should be cast into the boxes, other than the one designated for the office, for which the vote was cast—Upon assorting the votes, there were found among the votes for Electors of President & Vice President, two pieces of paper containing the following words, to wit, "For Congress, Jubal Harrington"—and, "For Senators, Alexander DeWitt, Oxford—John Spurr, Charlton —Joseph Knox, Hardwick—Sullivan Sumner, Milford—Nathaniel Wood, Fitchburg—Charles Sibley, Barre"—And among the votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Counsellors, were found two, "For Representative to Congress, Levi Lincoln" printed upon the same piece of paper with the Whig Candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor & Senators & Counsellors; (and one vote for Representative to Congress, Levi Lincoln," by itself) and a piece of paper written upon "Sam[l]. T. Armstrong," only—none of which were counted.

Voted, that the meeting for voting upon the Amendment to the Constitution, be dissolved.

Voted, that the meeting for the electors be dissolved.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, on Monday the fourteenth day of November, A. D. 1836.

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to Monday the twenty first instant, at three o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town-Hall on Monday the fourteenth day of November, A. D. 1836, in accordance with the foregoing Warrant, it was voted, to choose a Moderator.

Thomas Kinnicutt was chosen.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next, the 21st inst. at two o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday, the twenty first day of November, A. D. 1836, at two o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the 14th inst. Thomas Kinnicutt, the moderator, took the chair, and called the meeting to order.

Art. 1st. S. M. Burnside submitted the following motion, to wit.

"That the Selectmen be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to execute any contract, on behalf of the town, which may be suitable to carry into effect the several votes of the town respecting the location of the Boston, Norwich & New London Rail Road Corporation over and across the Common, near the Town Hall, said contract to be drafted by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose, and approved by them."

Which motion was lost, by a vote of 15 in the negative, 10 in the affirmative.

Art. 2d: The Committee chosen on the 6th day of June last for the purpose of building a school house, in the vicinity of the Red Mill, made a report by their Chairman, which was read by the Moderator:—that they had expended all the money voted to be raised, by the town, for that purpose; and that the house was not completed, nor could it be without an additional appropriation of several hundred dollars; therefore

Voted, that the Committee be authorized to go on, and finish said School House, at the expense of the town.

Art. 3d. [In relation to discontinuing a road from near the house of Daniel Chadwick running westerly to the old county road leading to Holden] Postponed to adjournment.

Art. 4th. [In relation to granting permission to the Western Railroad Co. to cross the Common] Voted to postpone indefinitely.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday, the fifth day of December next, at three o'clock P. M.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday, the twenty-first day of November, A. D. 1836—by adjournment from the 2d day of May, to the 6th day of June, and from said 6th day of June, to the 14th day of November and from said 14th day of November, to this present time; the meeting having been called to order, by T. Kinnicutt, the moderator, & the Committees chosen under the 6th & 7th

articles in the Warrant, not being ready to report, it was voted, to adjourn the meeting to Monday the fifth day of December next, at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden in accordance with the foregoing warrant, at the Town Hall, on Monday the fifth day of December A. D. 1836, at two o'clock P. M. the Town Clerk in consequence of ill health being unable to attend said meeting Edward H. Hemenway was chosen Town Clerk, Pro tempore, by ballot, and sworn by Rejoice Newton Esqr. Thomas Kinnicutt Esq. was chosen and presided as moderator.

Article 1st. Voted to choose a Committee of five persons, by nomination to examine the location of the several routs for a road to meet the Southbridge road described in the first article, and report their opinion of the relative expense of making a road over the two routs aforesaid and the advantages and disadvantages thereof to the public, and Thomas Harback, Thomas Chamberlain, Benjamin Flagg, Lewis Chapin, and Henry Heywood were chosen.

[Article 1.—"To see if the town will agree that the location of the County road lately laid out by the County Commissioners from the house of Edward F. Dixie, in Worcester to meet the Southbridge road, may be so changed, as to pass through the village of South Worcester, upon a rout lately surveyed by the County Commissioners, under the petition of Ebenezer D. Amidown, agent of the Norwich & Worcester Rail Road corporation; without any damage of said corporation on account of the change of said location.]

Article 2d. Voted to postpone the consideration of this article to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 12th instant at two o'clock P. M.

Attest Edward H. Hemenway, Clerk Pro-tempore.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in town affairs holden at the Town Hall on Monday the fifth day of December A. D. 1836, by adjournment from the 14th day of November A. D. 1836 to the 21st day of said month and from Nov. 21 to this fifth day of December at three o'clock P. M. Thomas Kinnicutt the moderator took the chair and presided.

Article 3d. Voted to discontinue the road described in the third article of the warrant for calling this meeting.

Article 4th. Voted to reconsider the vote passed upon this article at the meeting held under this warrant, on the twenty first day of November last. Then voted, that the Western Rail Road Company be permitted to construct their Rail Road across the Common in said town of Worcester upon the same terms and conditions as the Norwich & Worcester Rail Road Company were permitted to construct their road across said Common by former votes of the town—provided, that said Western Rail Road Company shall construct their road upon the same grading as the said Norwich & Worcester Rail Road Company shall construct their road and as near the same as conveniently may be.

Voted, that the Selectmen be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to execute any contract, on behalf of the town, which may be suitable to carry into effect the vote respecting the location of the Western Rail Road over and across the Common, near the Town Hall, said contract to be drafted by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose and approved by them.

Article 1st. Voted, to reconsider the vote passed in relation to this article at the meeting held under this warrant on the twenty first day of November last. Then, on motion of Samuel M. Burnside, voted, that the motion submitted by him to the town at the meeting held on said twenty first day of November should pass and that the same Committee which shall be appointed under the vote on the fourth article should constitute the Committee under this vote.

Voted, that said Committee consist of two persons who shall be nominated by the moderator, and Abijah Bigelow & Charles Allen were so nominated and were chosen.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest Edward H. Hemenway, Clerk Pro-tem.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester qualified to vote in town affairs holden at the Town Hall on Monday the fifth day of December A. D. 1836, by adjournment from the 2d day of May to the 6th day of June last and from the 6th day of June to the 14th day of November last, and from the 14th day of November to the 21st day of said month and from the 21st day of November to the fifth day of December inst. at 3½ o'clock P. M. Thomas Kinnicutt the Moderator presided.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next at 2½ o'clock P. M.

Attest Edward H. Hemenway, Clerk Pro tem.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, on Monday the 12th day of December, A. D. 1836, by adjournment from the 5th instant, the Moderator of the former meeting not being present, the Inhabitants were called to order by the Town Clerk, whereupon they proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, and Lewis Chapin was chosen.

Article 1st. The Report of the Committee chosen on the 5th inst. was read by the Chairman, recommending to the town to accept the route lately surveyed by the County Commissioners, upon the petition of Ebenezer D. Ammidown, Agent &c. passing through the village of South Worcester without claiming any damage of the "Worcester & Norwich Rail Road Company" on account of the change of location :—which Report was accepted.

Article 2d. ["In case the town determine the question upon the foregoing article in the negative ; to see if the town will appoint a committee to enter into an agreement with said corporation to submit to arbitration, or otherwise determine the question of damage, if any there be, which may be occasioned to the town, if any change in the location of said road, which shall be ordered by the County Commissioners, upon the petition of said Ammidown, agent of said corporation, & to take security therefor," etc.] Postponed indefinitely.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday, Decr. 12. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, by adjournment from the 2d day of May last to the 6th day of June—and from said 6th day of June to the 14th day of November—and from said 14th day of November to the 21st day of said last mentioned month—and from said 21st day of November to the 5th day of December, current—and from said 5th day to this 12th day of December A. D. 1836, the Moderator of the former meetings not being present, the Inhabitants were called to order by the Town Clerk, whereupon they proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and

Lewis Chapin was chosen.

The Committee chosen under the 6th & 7th articles of the

Warrant for calling the meeting never having attended to the duty assigned them, on motion of Gen[l]. Tho[s]. Chamberlain it was voted that the Committee be discharged.

Voted to choose another Committee for the purposes specified [to settle with the Treasurer and Selectmen] in the 6th & 7th articles aforesaid, by nomination, to consist of five persons and Thomas Chamberlain, William E. Green, Nathan Heard, Luther Burnett Jr. & Simeon Burt, were chosen.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to Saturday the 24th inst. at two o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Saturday December 24. At an adjournment of the meeting last above mentioned, holden at the Town Hall, this day, none of the Committee being present, who were expected to make a report it was voted to adjourn to the day on which the annual March meeting shall be holden, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, holden at the Town-Hall on Monday the sixth day of March A. D. 1837 at 9 o'clock A. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

The Town Clerk having called the meeting to order, read the warrant for calling the meeting, and then called upon those present to bring in their ballots for a moderator of said meeting—which was done twice without giving any ONE a sufficient number of votes to elect him ; but upon the third balloting Isaac Davis was chosen Moderator, and he presided during the day.

The moderator then took up the warrant, and the 2d article thereon being to choose all necessary town officers, he called for the ballots for a Town Clerk—after their having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that Charles A. Hamilton, was chosen—who immediately took the oath of office before Thomas Kinnicutt Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace for the County, as per certificate of said Justice on file.

Voted, to choose seven Selectmen, by single ballots—and

*Isaac Davis, *Luther Burnett Jr.. *Nath[l]. Stowell, *Joseph

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* Sworn.

Converse, *Benjamin Flagg, *Jubal Harrington & *Samuel Banister, were chosen Selectmen.

Voted to choose three Assessors by general ticket—and *Isaac Davis, *Lewis Bigelow & *Timothy Keith, were chosen Assessors.

Voted, that the Town Treasurer & the Collector of Taxes be the same person.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of a Treasurer & Collector.

*William H. S. Greenleaf was chosen Treasurer & Collector.

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to 2½ o'clock P. M.—at which time the meeting was again opened by the moderator.

Voted, that the Selectmen be the overseers of the Poor.

Voted, to choose a School Committee, to consist of nine persons, on general ticket.

Voted, that the Chair appoint a Committee of 9, to nominate suitable persons as candidates for the office of School Committee; and the Chair appointed S. M. Burnside, Wm. E. Green, B. F. Thomas, C. Thurber, P. Goddard, F. Blake, F. W. Paine, W. A. Wheeler & E. Washburn which committee of nomination, after a short absense, returned and reported the following names, viz. Rev^d. Messrs. Hill, Aldrich, Burrill & Woodbridge, Is. Davis, W. N. Green & Edwin Conant, Esquires, and Messrs. Ichabod Washburn & Henry W. Miller.

Is. Davis Esq. declined being a candidate and the Committee of nominations substituted Wm. Lincoln Esq.

The moderator then requested the Inhabitants to bring in their ballots for a School Committee; whereupon Henry W. Miller declined being a candidate. The ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the following named persons were chosen, viz.

Rev^d. Alonzo Hill, Rev^d. Jonathan Aldrich, Rev^d. Jon^a. E. Woodbridge, Rev^d. John T. Burrill, Ichabod Washburn, Edwin Conant, William N. Green, Marchant Tobey & William Lincoln.

Voted, to Proceed to the choice of a Prudential School Committee, to consist of one person, for each School District—said Committees to be chosen by nomination.

Voted, that District No. 1, be permitted to choose their own Prudential Committee—The following named persons, were chosen in the Districts affixed to their names—viz.

No. 2, Benja. Flagg 3 Pliny Holbrook 4 Chas. Hill 5 Francis

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Grout 6 Darius Rice 7 Benja. F. Curtis 8 Joseph Bond 9 Jabez Rice 10 Nath[l]. C. Moore 11 Edw[d]. S. Clarke 12 Samuel Stowell

Voted, to choose three Clerks of the Market, by nomination—and *Clarendon Wheelock, *Daniel Harris & *Alex[r]. G. Vottier were chosen.

Voted, to choose Twenty Highway Surveyors by Nomination.

Voted, that the Chair appoint a Committee of three to nominate a suitable person for Highway Surveyor for District No. 1—and Thomas Kinnicutt, S. D. Spurr and L. Burnett Jr. were appointed, who reported the name of Francis T. Merrick; but he declined being a candidate;—whereupon it was voted to add two to the Committee: and the Chair added Sam[l]. M. Burnside and Sam[l]. B. Thomas. The Committee again came in and reported the name of Luther Burnett Jr. The meeting then proceeded to make choice of the following named persons, in the several districts set against their names, viz.

No. 1. *Luther Burnett Jr. 2 *Ira McFarland 3 *George W. Mower 4 *Horace Howard 5 *Jon[a]. Wales Paine 6 *Henry Heywood 7 *Edward Curtis 8 *Pitt Holmes 9 *John Elder 10 *Israel Whitney 11 *Joseph Converse 12 *John Flagg 13 *Seth Fisher 14 *Dan[l]. Harrington 15 *Samuel Putnam 16 *Tyler P. Curtis 17 *Walter Bigelow Jr. 18 *Joel Gleason 19 *Elihu P. Warfield 20 *Benj[a]. N. Child

Voted, to pass to the consideration of the 23d article in the Warrant [to oppose petition of Willard and others for a new road from Barre etc.]. Emory Washburn having made some remarks relevant to the subject matter of the article, it was voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to take care of the interests of the town in the premises.

Voted, to proceed in the choice of town officers.

Voted, to choose four Surveyors of Lumber, by nomination—and *Alph[s]. Merrifield, *Walter R. Bigelow, *Lewis Bigelow, *Ja[s]. S. Woodworth were chosen.

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint a suitable number of persons, in different parts of the town, as Surveyors and measurers of Wood & Bark.

Voted, to choose five Fence Viewers, by nomination, and *Wm. M. Bickford, *John Pratt, *Charles Warren, *Horace Howard, *Clarendon Wheelock were chosen.

Voted, to choose Three Field Drivers in School District No. 1, and one in each of the other School Districts—by nomination; and the following named persons were chosen, viz.

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No. 1 *Edwin Howe *Daniel Harris *George W. Wheeler 2 *George W. Johnson 3 *William G. Hall 4 *Charles Hill 5 *Dexter Perry 6 *Wellington Aldrich 7 *Leonard Flagg 8 *Asahel C. Bennett 9 *George Moore *10 *Benj^{a}. Reed 11 *Edwd. S. Clarke 12 *Eben^{r}. Ball

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint a Pound Keeper.

Voted, to choose thirteen Constables by nomination, and *Asa Matthews, *Clarendon Wheelock, *Lyman Whitcomb, *Wm. R. Wesson, *Warner Hinds, *John F. Clark, *Chas. P. Bancroft, *Saml. R. Jackson, *Gordin Gould, *Luther Capron, *Seth Fisher, *Joel Wilder, *Danforth H. Bundy, were chosen.

Article 3d. The votes for a County Treasurer, having been given in, assorted and counted it appeared that Anthony Chase had Two Hundred and Three votes—and Charles G. Prentiss—one vote.

Article 4. Voted that the Assessors perform the same duties and receive the same compensation as they did the last year.

Article 5. Voted, that the Treasurer be Collector of Taxes, and that he receive the same compensation as he did the last year, and that the same abatement be made to those who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within thirty, sixty and one hundred and twenty days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to the Collector, as were made last year.

Article 6.—Voted, that the Treasurer & Collector of taxes be directed to enforce the collection of all taxes remaining unpaid at the expiration of one hundred and twenty days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to him.

Article 7.—Voted, to choose a Committee, to consist of three persons, (by nomination), to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the town the current year; and John W. Lincoln, Isaac Davis and Lewis Chapin, were chosen.

Article 8. Voted, that the Highway Surveyors be a Committee to take into consideration the manner of repairing the roads and bridges of the town, and report thereon.

Article 9.—[In regard to paving or macadamizing streets] Indefinitely postponed.

Voted, that the Highway Surveyor in District No. 1, be requested to see that the Bye-Laws relating to clearing the sidewalks, be carried into effect.

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*Sworn.

Voted, that the meeting be adjourned for 20 minutes for the purpose of opening a meeting under an old warrant.

Meeting again opened.

Voted, to reconsider the vote whereby the subject matter of the ninth article was indefinitely postponed, and that the subject be refered to a Committee, consisting of eleven, to be chosen by nomination, and Pliny Merrick, L. Burnett Jr. Benj[a]. Butman, Sam[l]. D. Spurr, C. Wheelock, John F. Clark, Sam[l]. Banister, B. F. Thomas, Nathan Heard, Wm. Eaton & Is.Davis, were chosen.

Article 10.—[Reports of outstanding committees] Postponed to adjournment of this meeting.

Article 11.—Voted, to adopt and approve the 19th, 20th & 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes [relating to engine men].

Article 12.—Voted, to defray the same charge for burial as was made the last year.

Article 13.—Voted, that the town "cause the Lamps in the Streets, in the Centre School District, to be lighted the current year."

Article 14.—Voted, that the town "take charge of, and defray the expense of, the Clocks of the 1st & 2d Parishes the current year."

Article 15.—Voted, that the town cause a Bell to be rung at half an hour before sunrise—at noon, and at nine o'clock P. M. during the year.

Article 16.—Voted, that the town do not suspend the operation of the laws relating to the killing of certain Birds.

Article 17—Voted, that the subject matter of this article [appropriation of money for trimming trees in streets in the Centre District] be refered to the Committee raised under the 9th article.

Article 18. Voted, that the Committee of Estimate, chosen under the 7th article be instructed to insert in their report, a sum sufficient to refund "the expense incurred by individuals in fencing the Common."

Article 19.—["To see if the Town will authorize their treasurer, to receive in deposit, upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed by law, any monies which the Legislature may authorize or direct the Treasurer & Receiver General of the Commonwealth to deposit with the Town of Worcester—and if so, to see what disposition or appropriation the Town will make of such monies."] Voted, that the subject matter of this article be refered to a Committee to consist of nine persons, to be nominated by the chair—

and the following named persons were chosen. L. Burnett Jr. F. W. Paine, S. D. Spurr, R. Newton, Alph^{s}. Merrifield, Eph^{m}. Mower, Elias Carter, C. Wheelock.

Article 20.—[In regard to selling a lot of land in Boylston owned by the town of Worcester]. Postponed to adjournment.

Article 21.—[In regard to erecting a hospital for contagious diseases on the town farm]. Postponed to adjournment.

Article 22.—Voted that Saml. Harrington Jr. be allowed to erect a Tomb in the east Burial Ground, for his own accommodation, and at his own expense, under the direction of the Selectmen as to the particular location.

Voted, that when this meeting shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to the first Monday in April next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Voted, that the town do not choose any Tithingmen.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned as above voted.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday March 6 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, this day at 4 o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the 24th day of December last, the Committee chosen on the 12th day of said December, made a Report, which was read by Genl. Thos. Chamberlain, their Chairman, and was accompanied by an account of C. G. Prentiss, the Treasurer and Collector; which Report, recommending annual settlements with the Board of Selectmen & Treas^{r}. and Collector, and "suggesting the importance of requiring a detailed statement of the accounts of the Selectmen at the close of each year, &c. &c."—"and that the same be printed in convenient form for the use of the Inhabitants of the town," was accepted; and is placed on file with the account of the Treas^{r}. & Collector.

Voted, that the meeting be disssolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Wednesday March 15 Having been informed by Is. Davis Esq. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, that said Board had appointed the following named persons to the several offices designated below, I issued a Warrant, directed to Clarendon Wheelock, one of the Constables of the Town, requiring him to notify & summon the persons named therein to take the oath of office: as follows, viz.

Aaron Howe, Pound Keeper.

Nathan Heard, Ichabod Washburn, *Daniel Harris, *Otis Corbett, *Frederick Warren, *Ansell Lakin, *Archibald Willard, *Pliny Holbrook, *Charles M. Deland, *Pitt Holmes, Surveyors & measurers of Wood & Bark.

Caleb Newcomb, Sealer of Weights & measures. Declined—excused

Appointments by the Selectmen.

*Thomas S. Harback, *Ebenezer Ball, *Charles Boardman, *Adolphus Taft, Surveyors & Measurers of Wood & Bark.

William Leggate, Weigher & Sealer of Leather.

*Orlando Ware, Sealer of Weights & Measures.

*Joseph Converse, *Samuel Banister, Weighers of Beef.

Chandler Smith, Physician for the Poor.

Lewis Bigelow, Nathan Heard, Henry W. Miller, William A. Wheeler, John F. Clark, Lewis Thayer, Ichabod Washburn, Clarendon Wheelock, Samuel D. Spurr, Marchant Tobey, Lysander C. Clark, George Bowen, Engineers of the Fire Department.

Monday April 3 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town holden at the Town Hall on Monday the third day of April A. D. 1837, at two o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the sixth day of March last, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Meeting opened by moderator, Is. Davis.

Art. 2. Voted, to choose 2 Surveyors of Shingles & Clapboards, by nomination.

Edward Babbitt, Anson Braman were chosen.

Art. 7. Report of Committee of Estimate, read by J. W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Voted, to amend said Report inserting "for the Fire Department" $1000, instead of $400 as reported for the purpose of procuring one Hundred Buckets & Five Hundred Feet of Engine Hose;

Voted to accept said Report as amended, and that the aggregate amount thereof be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town and upon such Property or Estate of Non-resident owners or proprietors as may be subject to taxation by Law.

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* Sworn.

The following is a copy of said Report as amended.

"The undersigned who were directed by the Inhabitants of Worcester to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the current year, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that in their opinion it is expedient for the town to raise the following sums for the purposes hereafter mentioned.

For the support of Roads & Bridges		3,000
For the construction of new roads		2,000
For the support of the Poor		1,600
For the pay for the services of the Assessors		200
" " Treasurer		250
For the Discount and Abatement of Taxes		1,000
For the Contingent expenses of the Town		500
For the Fire Department		1,000
For the pay of Engine-men		250
For Lighting the Streets		450
For ringing the Bells and for Funerals		300
For taking care of the Clocks of the 1st & 2d Parishes		40
For procuring Mulberry Trees to be set out on the Poor Farm		100
For the support of Schools—for instruction	4,000	
for contingent expenses	500	4,500

The Committee would recommend that the money raised for the Support of Schools be appropriated and divided as follows—that so much be taken therefrom as is necessary to pay the salary of the Grammar Master with the addition of the sum of $50—for fuel for the use of the Grammar School—that the sum of $250 be divided equally among the districts from No. 1 to 12 inclusive, and that the remainder of said money be divided among all the School Districts in the town in equal proportion to the whole number of minors in the several School Districts.

The said Committee having been directed to include in their report a sum sufficient to pay the expense incurred by individuals in fencing the Common, have ascertained that there has been actually expended for that purpose the sum of 392,71

The whole amounting to the sum of $15,582,71

All which is respectfully submitted by

John W. Lincoln
Isaac Davis } Committee

Article 8. The report of Committee chosen under this article on the 6th ult. was read by L. Burnett Jr. Chairman—said report

recommends "that the tax for the support of Roads & Bridges the current year be a money tax"—that "the Surveyors of Highways be authorized to pay at a rate not exceeding fourteen cents per hour for a man, and the same for a good pair of Oxen."

Said Report was amended by giving Stephen Salisbury Esq. liberty to remove the earth from the road on the hill in front of his new house, and place the same in the road westerly of the said hill, under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for that District, at his own expense.

Voted, to accept the report as amended.

Article 19. A majority of the Committee chosen under this article on the 6th ultimo. made a report which was read by S. M. Burnside, their Chairman. Clarendon Wheelock, one of the Committee made and read a minority Report, both of which are on file.

Voted, to divide the question upon the Acceptance of the Report of the Majority.

Voted, that the "Town Treasurer be authorized and directed to receive from the Treasurer & Receiver General of the Commonwealth from time to time, all such portion of the Surplus Revenue of the United States, as shall belong to the town, pursuant to the provisions of the Statutes passed at the present session of the Legislature, and upon the conditions therein expressed."

Voted, to amend said report, by inserting, that the Town Treasurer be required to give Bond, for the faithful discharge of the duties devolving upon him by the passing of the foregoing vote, and also of any other vote which may be passed relative to said portions of the Surplus Revenue.

Voted, "that the several sums so received, be loaned by the Selectmen, to the Treasurer of the County of Worcester (if duly authorized to borrow the same) at six per cent interest, payable semiannually, with a right in the town to call for the payment of the whole principal sums, or any part thereof, after thirty days notice."

Voted, "that the Selectmen appropriate so much of the said sum, and the interest thereof, as may be necessary, to the payment of the Principal and interest of the debt of the Town, as soon as the same can be legally discharged, except a note of Five Thousand Dollars, due to the Boston Provident Institution for Savings, dated December 1, A. D. 1833."

Voted, "that the residue of said sums be held subject to any legal appropriation, which the town may hereafter think proper to make thereof."

Voted, that the whole matter be under the supervision of the Selectmen (F. W. Paine's motion.)

Articles 9 & 17. The Committee chosen on the sixth ultimo to take into consideration the subject matter of these two articles, made a report, which was read by P. Merrick, their Chairman, stating that, for the reasons therein given, "the Committee are of opinion that [it] is not advisable to Pave or McAdamize any of the streets in the town—and that "it is inexpedient to raise any sum of money for the purpose of trimming the trees in the Centre District.

Voted to accept said report, after considerable debate upon the state of Main Street: all concurring in the opinion that it was necessary to repair, in some thorough manner, the main street, and a majority present, being opposed to Paving or McAdamizing, it was

Voted, that the sum of Six Hundred Dollars be raised by assessment upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town and upon the Property or Estates of Non-resident Proprietors or Owners &c. &c. to enable the Highway Surveyor to cover Main Street with a good Coat of Gravel.

Voted, that when this meeting shall adjourn, it be adjourned to the first Monday in May next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Article 10.—The School Committee of the last year, made a report, which was read by Wm. N. Green—said report recommends the "purchase of certain apparatus prepared by Mr. Thurber for the use of the Grammar School"—whereupon it was

Voted, to raise the sum of Twenty Five Dollars, by assessment &c. &c. for the purpose of purchasing said Apparatus.

Voted, to accept said Report.

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen for the last year, be a Committee to audit all accounts against the town, where the indebtedness accrued prior to March 6 of the present year,

Article 20.—[Sale of land in Boylston] Consideration thereof postponed to adjournment of this meeting.

Article 21.—Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized "to erect such a Hospital on the Poor Farm for the prevention of the spreading of contagious diseases as can be erected for the sum appropriated for that purpose last year."

Article 24.—Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized "to make application to the County Commissioners to establish the boundary lines of any of the existing roads within the town.

John Elder having declined serving as Highway Surveyor, it

was voted that he be excused, and *Nathaniel Elder was chosen for District No. 9.

George W. Mower, having declined serving as Highway Surveyor, it was voted that he be excused—and †Guy S. Newton was chosen for District No. 3.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned as above recorded.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Saturday April 15 1837.

The town Clerk was served, by Asa Matthews, D. Shff., with an attested copy of the Petition of George Bliss, Agent of the Western Rail Road Corporation, to the County Commissioners representing, that the W. R. R. Corporation are "desirous of laying out and constructing their Rail Road in as direct a line as is convenient from the westerly part of Worcester to the merchandise Depot of the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Co. and of uniting the same with the road of said Company at or near said depot—together with the order of said Commissioners thereon, which petition and order were delivered to Is. Davis, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. April 1837.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday, the first day of May A. D. 1837, by virtue of the foregoing Warrant, at 2 o'clock P. M. the following proceedings were had, viz.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant, whereupon Isaac Davis was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.—Voted to choose a Committee of three persons, by nomination, to take into consideration the subject matter of the article, and report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting, and John W. Lincoln, Ira Barton & Silas Brooks were chosen [to see if the town would reimburse Rufus Shumway for making 300 rods of road near Ward. Petition of Ira Barton.]

Article 3. [Petition of S. R. Jackson and others to refund to the Methodist Society the sum charged for rent of the town hall the past year] Voted to choose a Committee of five persons, by nomination to take into consideration the subject matter of the article, and report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting, and Thomas Kinnicutt, R. D. Dunbar, Nathan Heard, Clarendon Wheelock & John P. Kettell were chosen.

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*Sworn. †Affirmed.

Article 4. [Jury List.] Report of the Selectmen read by the Chairman of the Board. Voted to accept the report—Tim°. W. Bancroft requested to have his name stricken from the list, it was voted that his name be stricken off.

Article 5. [Petition of John W. Lincoln and others to make a reasonable compensation to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.] Voted, to choose a Committee of five persons, by nomination, to take into consideration the subject matter of this article, and report thereon, at the adjournment of this meeting, and, John W. Lincoln, Nathan Heard, Joseph Converse, John Flagg & Silas Brooks were chosen.

Article 6. Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to procure what they shall deem a proper quantity of suitable Plank for the purpose of repairing the Bridges in the town whenever they may be needed.

Article 7. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to regulate the Storage and sale of Gunpowder in the town, in such manner as shall best conduce to the safety of the Inhabitants thereof.

Article 8. Voted to choose a Committee of three persons, by nomination, to settle with the former Board of Selectmen, and with the Town Treasurer; and Nathan Heard, John P. Kettell & Fra°. T. Merrick, were chosen.

Article 9. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to cause the wall to the Burying Ground on Mechanic Street, to be reset.

Voted, to reconsider the vote passed under the second article.

Voted, that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in June next at 3 o'clock P. M. Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday May 1. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, by adjournment from the sixth day of March to the third day of April, both last past:—and from said third day of April to this first day of May A. D. 1837, at 3 o'clock P. M. the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Meeting called to order by Is. Davis, the Moderator.

Voted, to reconsider the vote passed on the third day of April last, which is entered on page 515, [page 115 of this printed vol.] beginning with the words "upon the conditions therein expressed" for the purpose of substituting the three following votes, the form of which was given by the Treasurer & Receiver General of

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which said three votes were passed in the words as below recorded, viz.

Voted, that this town agrees to receive from the Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth, its proportion of the Surplus Revenue of the United States, in deposite, and will comply with the terms and provisions of the several Acts passed by the Legislature of said Commonwealth concerning the deposite of the Surplus Revenue.

Voted, that William H. S. Greenleaf be the Agent of this town for the purpose of receiving from the Treasurer and Receiver General of this Commonwealth, this town's proportion of the said Revenue in deposite.

Voted, that William H. S. Greenleaf, Agent as aforesaid, be, and he hereby is, authorized to sign a certificate of deposite for the sums of money he may receive, from time to time, from the said Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth, binding the town, in its corporate capacity, for the repayment to said Treasurer, of the money so deposited with this town, and any and every part thereof, whenever the same shall be required by said Treasurer and Receiver General, to be by him refunded to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Voted, to give the Assessors of the town, the present year, One Dollar per hundred of the Inhabitants of the town, for performing the duties of taking the census &c. according to the provisions of a law passed at the last session of the Legislature of this Comm°.

Article 20.—[Sale of land in Boylston.] Voted, to postpone indefinitely.

Voted, to choose two Field Drivers. *George W. Mower, *Bailey Clements were chosen.

Voted, to reconsider the vote passed on the third day of April last, whereby the town refused to pave Main Street.

Voted, that when this meeting shall adjourn, it adjourn to Monday next, the 8th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

Voted, that the further consideration of the subject of Paving Main Street, be postponed untill the adjournment.

Voted, to reconsider the vote passed on the third day of April last, see page 516, [116 of this vol.] imposing upon old Board of Selectmen the duty of auditing certain accounts.

Voted, that the meeting be now adjourned as above recorded.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

*Sworn.

Monday May 8. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Tow holden at the Town Hall, by adjournment from the sixth day March to the third day of April, both last past, and from said thir day of April, to the first day of May, current, and from said fir day of May to this eighth day of the same May at three o'cloc P. M. the following proceedings were had, viz.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Is. Davis

Voted, to indefinitely postpone the subject of Paving Mai Street, by a vote of 255 to 215.

Voted, that the expending the sum of One Hundred Dollar voted, on the third day of April last, see page 514 [114 this vol. to be raised "for procuring Mulberry Trees to be set out on th Poor Farm" be entrusted to the care of the Overseers of the Poo

The report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, wa read by the Moderator of the meeting.

Voted that the consideration of it be postponed to the adjourn ment of this meeting.

Voted to choose another Field Driver. Joseph Bixby was chose

Voted, that this meeting be now adjourned to the first Monda in June next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

To the Town Clerk of Worcester.

We the Subscribers certify that the population of Worce ter, on the 1st day of May Current was Seventy-one Hundred Seventeen & the rateable Polls Twenty-two Hundred & three- as enumerated by us agreeably to the directions of the Governo & Council & the several acts of the Legislature relative to takin the census of the people & the polls.

Worcester May 19, 1837. Isaac Davis, Lewis Bigelow, Timothy Keith } Assessors of Worceste

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Tow Hall, by adjournment from the first day of May last to this fifth da of June 1837 the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Isaac Davis Esq. the Moderator having called the meeting order, Thomas Kinnicutt Esq. Chairman of the Committee chos on said first day of May last, under the 3d article in the Warra

read a Report, recommending "that the rent of the Town Hall for forty one sabbaths amounting to Eighty two Dollars be refunded to the Methodist Society"—whereupon it was voted that the Committee for repairing the Town Hall who had collected said sum of $82 of said Methodist Society, be directed to refund the same.

Article 5th. The Committee, chosen under this article on the 1st day of May last made a report, which was read by J. W. Lincoln, their Chairman, recommending "that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars per year be allowed and paid to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for his services in that capacity."

Voted to accept the report.

Article 8. The Chairman of the Committee chosen under this article made a verbal report, stating that the Committee had not been able to perform the duty assigned them [settlement of former Selectmen's accounts] ; whereupon it was Voted, that said Committee have leave to report at any future meeting of the town.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, by adjournment from the sixth day of March to the third day of April—and from said third day of April, to the first day of May —and from said first day of May to the eighth day of the same May—and from said eighth day of May now last past to this fifth day of June A. D. 1837, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Isaac Davis, Esq. the Moderator, called the meeting to order.

Thomas Kinnicutt Esq. the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the last year made a report of the places where said Board had caused Guide Boards to be erected, which report was accepted by vote.

Voted, to reconsider the vote passed April 4, 1837, respecting the price of labor on Highways.

The report made by the Chief Engineer of the fire department on the first ult. was taken up and considered.

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to make such repairs or alterations of the building on the Common where Engine No. 4 was lately housed as they may deem proper, for the convenience of the Hook & Ladder Company.

Voted, that the Engineers of the Fire Department, be a Committee to take into consideration that part of the report of the Chief Engineer, which relates to a new location for the apparatus of the Hook & Ladder Company, and report what accommodations &c. can be procured for said Company.

Voted, to choose another Constable. *Ivers Phillips was chosen.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Tuesday, May 2. The town received from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, Six Thousand and Eighty-four Dollars and Thirty-nine cents, ($6,084.39) being the two first instalments of this town's proportion of the Surplus Revenue of the U. S. for which the Agent gave a "Certificate of Deposite" in accordance with the vote recorded on page 519 of this [manuscript] book. [119, printed vol.]

Tuesday, July 20. The Town received as above, Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-six Dollars and Fifty-two Cents (4,526.52) being the third instalment of this town's proportion of the said Revenue, and the said Agent gave a similar Certificate therefor; out of which said last mentioned sum, he says he paid the balance of two notes, (copies of which are recorded on pages 136–137, [see page 201, Vol. XI., Collections of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.]) amounting to the sum of Thirty-six Hundred and Forty Dollars, with $169.61 interest.

Saturday, July 8. Ivers Phillips D. Shff. served the Town Clerk with a copy of the petition of Dan[l]. Goddard and six others, relative to the discontinuance of a piece of road "between the dwelling house on the White Farm, so called, and the Stearns place" —with the order of the County Commissioners thereon, stating that they should proceed to view the route &c. on the 12th day of September next.

And on the 14th day of said July, said Phillips, served the Town Clerk with a copy of the petition of Willard Snow and 97 others, relative to the construction of a new County road "from or near to, the store of Charles Lee, in Barre," through Oakham, Rutland and Paxton, "to the junction of the old and new County roads, at or near the mills of Rejoice Newton, Esquire, in said Worcester"—with the order of the County Commissioners thereon, stating that they shall proceed from the "house of Archibald

*Sworn.

Willard, in Worcester, Innholder, on the fourth day of September next, to view the route &c.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Worcester,

We have assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the town of Worcester the sums following which we have committed to William H. S. Greenleaf, Collector of said town with a Warrant in due form of law for collecting the same.

County Tax	$2,443.71		
Town Grant	16,207.71	Isaac Davis	Assessors
Overlayings upon		Lewis Bigelow	of the town of
all the taxes	478.06	Tim°. Keith	Worcester
	$19,129.48		

Worcester, August 1, 1837

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday Sept. 11, 1837 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, this day at 2 o'clock, pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Isaac Davis was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. [In regard to investigating the claim of Betsey Flagg against the town, or her support.] Voted, to lay on the table for a short time.

Art. 3. Voted, to refer the subject matter of this article [site for and erection of a new school house in District No. 1.], to a Committee of 5, to be nominated by the Chair, with instructions to make a report, at the adjournment of this meeting, embracing a plan of the exterior and interior of a suitable school house, with the estimated expense—and Thomas Kinnicutt, L. Burnett Jr., Marchant Tobey, Otis Corbett & Silas Bigelow were chosen as said Committee.

Voted, that when this meeting be adjourned, it shall be adjourned to Saturday next, at two o'clock P. M.

Art. 4. Voted, to postpone the consideration thereof, to the adjournment; and that the Bye-Laws of the Fire Department referred to, be committed to a Committee of three, (to be chosen by nomination) for their consideration, with instructions to report thereon, at said adjournment—and Thomas Kinnicutt, Is. Davis and Benj[a]. F. Thomas were chosen.

Art. 5. [To pay unexpended balances to Highway Surveyors in office] Voted to postpone indefinitely.

Art. 2. Voted, to resume consideration of

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to support Mrs. Betsey Flagg, without the limits of the Poor House, untill the further order of the town ; at such rate as they shall deem reasonable and proper.

Voted, to choose a Committee of 7, to be nominated by the Chair, to pursue the subject and examine into the state of facts, and report what ought to be done in the premises ; and Pliny Merrick, John Flagg, Nath[l]. Stowell, L. Burnett Jr., Jubal Harrington, Benj[a]. F. Thomas & Cyrus Lovell, were chosen.

Art. 6. [Report of Selectmen on petition of Samuel B. Thomas and others for a new road] Consideration of, indefinitely postponed.

Art. 7. [Petition of Abijah Bigelow for a new road.] Consideration of, postponed to adjournment. Selectmen not ready to report. Art. 8. do.

Art. 9. [House for Hook and Ladder Co.] Subject matter of, referred to Committee of 5, with instructions to report thereon at the adjournment ; and, also report an estimate of expense —and Henry W. Miller, Wm. A. Wheeler & Clarendon Wheelock. Assistant Engineers of the W. F. D. with Marchant Tobey and Sam[l]. B. Thomas were chosen.

Voted, to adjourn to the time above mentioned.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Saturday, September 16. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, this day at two o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the 11th instant, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

Is. Davis, took the chair.

Art. 2. Pliny Merrick, Chairman of a Committee chosen under this article at the former meeting, not being present, it was voted to postpone the consideration thereof, untill the adjournment.

Article 3. Report read by Chairman of Committee. Voted to accept the report.

Voted, That a Brick School House, (Sixty-six feet long, by Thirty-feet wide) two stories high, containing two school rooms on each floor, be erected on the North-east corner of the Burying Ground upon the common, for the accommodation of the schools in the Centre School District.

Voted, that a Committee of five be raised to carry into effect the foregoing vote, and that they be clothed with all necessary powers. Thomas Kinnicutt, Is. Davis, Nathan Heard, John P. Kettell & Wm. T. Merrifield were chosen.

Voted, that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting said School House.

Article 4. Voted, that the town do approve of the Bye-Laws of the Fire Department, which are this day reported to them (except the sixth article) and are in the words following, viz.

Art. 1. At all meetings for business or drills the Clerk shall call the roll precisely at the time appointed.

Should the Clerk be absent, a Clerk pro tem. shall be chosen.

Art. 2. Any Engineer neglecting to appear at any meeting of the Board of Engineers for business shall forfeit and pay a fine of fifty cents—for non-appearance at any Drill, one Dollar—and for non-appearance at any Fire, Two Dollars.

Art. 3. Each Engine Company shall be allowed the sum of Three and a half Dollars per hundred feet of Hose for taking care of their Engine and all apparatus belonging to the same—each Hydraulion or Suction Engine be allowed the further sum of Four Dollars for suction Hose.

Art. 4. That the sum of Five Dollars be allowed to the Hook & Ladder Company for taking proper care of their apparatus.

Art. 5. Each Engine Company, Hook & Ladder Company be allowed the sum of Two Dollars per mile for Horse hire when called to a Fire without the limits of the Centre School District.

Art. 7. That the Bye-Laws, Charter be published for the use of the members of the Fire Department under the directions of the same Committee to whom was refered the subject of revising and amending the same.

Art. 7. Consideration postponed to Adjournment, Selectmen not ready to report. Art. 8. do

Art. 9. Report of Committee read by Moderator. Voted, to recommit the subject to the Committee, and that two persons be added to the Committee; and Sam[l]. D. Spurr and Wm. T. Merrifield were added. [See page 124.]

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday, the third day of October, next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, on Tuesday the third day of October, A. D. 1837, at two o'clock P. M. in accordance with the foregoing Warrant, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk, whereupon Isaac Davis was chosen moderator.

Voted, to adjourn the meeting for a short time, for the purpose of transacting some business under the Warrant for calling a meeting on the 16th ult°. which was adjourned to this time.

After having attended to the business aforesaid, the meeting was again opened.

Article 2d. As the town had not yet voted to erect a House for the accommodation of the Hook & Ladder Company, it was deemed expedient to divide the article [to see if a part of the Surplus Revenue should be applied to erect a Hook and Ladder House and a School House], and act only upon the latter part thereof; and on motion of T. Kinnicutt it was

Voted, that the sum of Thirty-three Hundred Dollars of the Surplus Revenue of the United States, belonging to the town be appropriated for the erection of a School House, for the Centre School District, instead of applying the same to the payment of the town debt according to a vote of the town passed April 3, 1837.

Article 3d. Voted, that the Town adopt the following as one of the Bye Laws of the town; viz.

That if any individual or individuals shall place or cause to be placed in front of any Engine House or other building under the care of the Fire Department of the town, any obstruction to the taking out or putting in any Engine or Apparatus belonging to said Fire Department; he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five, nor more than twenty dollars.

Article 4. Voted to postpone the consideration of this article [to discontinue part of a road south of White and Boyden's] untill the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday in November next at 2½ o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Tuesday Oct°. 3. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town holden at the Town Hall, this day at 2 o'clock P. M. by adjournment from September 11, to September 16, and from said September 16, to this time, the following proceedings were had, viz.

Meeting called to order by Is. Davis, Moderator.

Article 2. Report "recommending that the Board of Selectmen, for the time being, be directed to employ such suitable Agent or Agents as they shall appoint, to proceed, at the expense of the town, in fully investigating the claims of Betsey Flagg upon the town; and also the claim which the town has against William Eaton connected with the concerns or property of Mrs. Flagg—and also to prosecute the claim of the town against said Eaton if the Selectmen for the time being, upon the report of the Agent or Agents appointed by them, shall deem it advisable so to do"—was read by B. F. Thomas, and it was voted to accept the same.

Article 7. Consideration of, postponed to adjournment of this meeting. Article 8. do do do

Article 9. The Committee submitted the report made by them on the 16th ult. without addition or alteration.

Voted, not to accept it.

Voted, to commit the subject to a new Committee to consist of the Commanders of the several Engine Companies, in the town, and the Commander of the Hook & Ladder Company, with instructions to report thereon at the adjournment.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the second Monday in November next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

"The twelfth article of amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, provides, that the Governor and Council shall, in the months of July and August, ascertain and determine upon the principles therein set forth, the number of Representatives which [each] City and Town shall be entitled to elect within the period of ten years next ensuing, and shall cause the same to be published for the information of the People":—

In accordance with said provision the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, made known, by his Proclamation, dated August 2, 1837, that the town of Worcester, is entitled to elect "Five Representatives every year, and an additional Representative two years within the ten years."

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday Novr. 13. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the

town, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday, the thirteenth day of November A. D. 1837, at nine o'clock A. M. Isaac Davis Esq, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presided.

The Warrant for calling the meeting, a copy of which is entered on the preceding page, was read by the Town Clerk, when the votes, as hereinafter recorded, were given in, assorted and counted, and record thereof made, in open town meeting as follows, viz.

For Governor.

Whole number was Nine Hundred and Fifty-three.
Edward Everett had Six Hundred and twenty.
Marcus Morton had Three Hundred and Thirty-Five.
Isaac Davis had one. J. Q. Adams had one.
Francis Jackson one. Samuel T. Armstrong one.

For Lieutenant Governor.

Whole number of votes was Nine Hundred and Forty-seven.
George Hull, had Six Hundred and six.
William Foster had Three Hundred and Twenty-eight.
Gayton P. Osgood had One.

For Senators & Counsellors.

Whole number of votes was Nine Hundred and Forty-eight.

Charles Hudson	had	Six Hundred and Twenty-two.
Linus Child	"	Six Hundred and Twenty-four.
William Hancock	"	Six Hundred and Twenty-one.
James G. Carter	"	Six Hundred and Twenty.
Thomas Kinnicutt	"	Five Hundred and Seventy-six.
Artemas Lee	"	Six Hundred and Nineteen.
Pliny Merrick	"	Forty-six.
John Spurr	"	Three Hundred and Twenty-three.
Charles Sibley	"	Three Hundred and Twenty-five.
Sullivan Sumner	"	Three Hundred and Twenty.
Nathaniel Wood	"	Three Hundred and Twenty-two.
Jedediah Marcy	"	Three Hundred and Twenty-three.
Nathaniel Rand	"	Three Hundred and Fifteen.
Emery Washburn	"	One Amory Holman had One.

The votes having been given in, assorted, counted and recorded in open town meeting as aforesaid; declaration thereof was made, and returns, according to the Constitution and the Law, were made out and sealed up, in open town meeting.

Under the second article in the Warrant, it was voted to choose Five Representatives, to represent the town in the General Court, the ensuing year.

Under the third article in the Warrant the Selectmen, by their

Chairman, called upon the meeting to bring in their votes for their first Representative.

The whole number of votes for the first Representative, was Eight Hundred and six, of which William Lincoln had four hundred & ninety nine & was chosen.

The whole number of votes for the second Representative was seven hundred & forty eight, of which Guy S. Newton had four hundred & seventy seven & was chosen.

The whole number of votes for the third Representative was six hundred and eighty, of which Emory Washburn had four hundred & fifty five & was chosen.

The whole number of votes for the fourth Representative was six hundred and twenty-four, of which Nathan Heard had four hundred & twelve & was chosen.

The whole number of votes for the fifth Representative was six hundred and nineteen, of which Ebenezer L. Barnard had four hundred & thirty-one & was chosen.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday Nov. 13. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, by adjournment from September 11 to September 16, and from September 16 to October 3, and from October 3 to this day at two o'clock P. M. Isaac Davis, Moderator, called the meeting to order, and read a report made by the Committee chosen on the third ult°. under the ninth article in the Warrant.

Voted, to accept said Report; which recommends the appropriation of a part of the School House about to be erected on the corner of the Burying Ground, for the use of the Hook & Ladder Company.

Voted, to instruct the Committee chosen to superintend the erection of said School House, to vary their plan of construction so as to accommodate the Hook & Ladder Company and their apparatus.

Voted, that the location of said School House be so far changed as that the House be placed on the Burying Ground only so far as it can be without disturbing any of the graves which are there.

Voted, that the meeting be disssolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday Novr. 13. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, by adjournment from the third day of October last to this day at 2½ o'clock P. M. Is. Davis, Moderator, called the meeting to order, and under the fourth article in the warrant it was voted that the subject matter thereof be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Lyman Whitman was appointed, by the Board of Selectmen, as Surveyor and measurer of Wood and Bark, for the current year, and took the oath of office before the Town Clerk, November 13, 1837.

C. A. Hamilton Esq.

*Elbridge Gerry Pratt has been appointed Measurer of Wood & Bark in the town of Worcester, by the Selectmen.

January 20, 1838 Isaac Davis, Chairman.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday March 5, 1838. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, this day, at nine o'clock A. M. in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, the Town Clerk called them to order, and read said Warrant; and, having called for the Ballots for a Moderator, and having assorted and counted them, with the assistance of the Board of Selectmen; it appeared that the whole number was Five Hundred and Ninety-five; of which John W. Lincoln had Three Hundred and Twenty-eight, and was, therefore elected and took the chair.

The Ballots for a Town Clerk, being called for, by the moderator, were brought in, assorted and counted; the whole number was 552. Charles A. Hamilton had 442 & was chosen; and the moderator administered to him the oath of office, in open town meeting.

Voted, to choose Five Selectmen upon one ballot.

Whole number of ballots was 595. *John W. Lincoln had 391 *Fred. Wm. Paine 396 *Charles Blair 333 *Thomas Chamberlain 396 *John P. Kettell 398 and were chosen as Selectmen.

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* Sworn.

Voted, to choose Three Overseers of the Poor upon one ballot.

Whole number of ballots was 453. Nathan Heard had 306 Ebenr. L. Barnard had 308 John Flagg had 308 and were chosen.

Voted, to choose Three Assessors, upon one ballot.

Whole number of ballots was 447. *Fredk. Wm. Paine had 300 *Cyrus Lovell had 297 *Thos. Chamberlain had 298 and were chosen as Assessors.

Voted, that the Treasurer shall be Collector of Taxes.

Whole number of ballots for Treasr. & Collecr. was 536. *Wm. H. Greenleaf had 378 and was chosen.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Prudential School Committeemen.

Voted, that School District No. 1 be permitted to choose their own Prudential School Committee.

Voted, that each of the other School Districts have the same privilege.

Voted, to reconsider the last vote ; and that the candidates for the office of Prudential School Committeemen shall be nominated by some person living in the District for which the choice is to be made :—and the following named persons were delared elected.

District No. 2 William G. Moore. 3 Thomas Harback. 4 Jubal Boyden. 5 Francis Grout 6 Seth Fisher. 7 Henry Prentiss. 8 Tyler P. Curtis. 9 Moses Clark. 10 Elisha P. Warfield. 11 Thomas Nichols. 12 John Mann.

Voted to pass to the consideration of the eighth article in the Warrant.

Voted, to accept the Report of the Selectmen, in relation to the repairing the roads and bridges ; which has been printed, and is in the following words, viz, "A Committee is chosen by the town to keep the roads and bridges in repair. They employ a skillful road maker for six months or more to take charge of all the roads and bridges in town ; furnish him with the necessary teams and tools ; and he hires such help by the month as may be necessary to accomplish the object—In the autumn the teams are sold, and during the winter the committee employ some suitable person in the various Districts, to open the roads in case of blocking snows."

Voted, that a nominating Committee of five, be reported by the Chair, who shall nominate three persons to compose the Committee (or surveyors) to take charge of the Roads & Bridges in the town.

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*Sworn.

The Chair reported the names of Isaac Davis, F. W. Paine, T. Chamberlain, Guy S. Newton & Lewis Chapin.

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to one and a half o'clock.

Meeting opened in the afternoon by Moderator.

The Committee reported by the Chair to nominate a committee of three Highway Surveyors to take charge of all the Roads & Bridges within the town came in and reported the following names, viz. John W. Lincoln, Lewis Chapin, Silas Brooks.

Voted, to accept the report of the Committee.

Article 2d. Voted. to choose three Clerks of the Market. *Lyman Whitcomb, *Harrison Bliss, *Daniel Harris, were chosen.

Voted, to choose Four Surveyors of Lumber. *Walter R. Bigelow, *James S. Woodworth, *Clarendon Wheelock, *Marshall S. Ballard, were chosen.

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen appoint a suitable number of Surveyors and Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Voted, to choose Five Fence Viewers. Clarendon Wheelock, *Samuel Perry, *David Woodward, *Sumner Cook, *Asa T. Johnson were chosen.

Voted, to choose three Field Drivers in School District No. 1 and one Field Driver in each of the other School Districts.

Francis H. Kinnicutt, *Hezekiah Sabin Jr. *Moses D. Phillips were chosen in School District No. 1.

District No. 2. †Ezekiel Daniels. 3 *Charles Hersey. 4 *Moses Adams. 5 John W. Lincoln. 6 *Wellington Aldrich. 7 Leonard White. 8 *Gardiner Johnson 2d. 9 *Curtis Rice. 10 *Robert S. Gleason. 11 *Philander Gleason. 12 *Eli Goulding.

Voted, to choose an additional Field Driver in District No. 2. George W. Mower was chosen.

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen appoint a Pound Keeper.

Voted, to choose twelve Constables, by nomination, and *Gordin Gould, *Charles P. Bancroft, *Joel Wilder, *Lyman Whitcomb, *Joseph Lovell, *Seth Fisher, *John F. Clark, *Samuel R. Jackson, *Luther Capron, *Leonard Pool, Danforth H. Bundy, were chosen.

Voted, to choose an additional number of Constables, and *Warner Hinds, *Ivers Phillips, *Asa Matthews, *William R. Wesson, were chosen.

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*Sworn. †Affirmed.

Voted, to choose a nominating committee of three persons to report the names of three suitable persons to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the town for the current year, and Jno. M. Earle, L. Burnett Jr. & Leon°. Pool were appointed as said nominating committee ; who reported the names of John W. Lincoln, Isaac Davis, Thos. Chamberlain, who were chosen as said Committee.

Voted, that no Tythingmen be chosen.

Voted, that a Sealer of Weights and Measures, be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and that he have cognizance of Charcoal Baskets, also.

Voted, to choose nine persons, on one ballot as a School Committee—and upon the ballots having been assorted and counted, it appeared that but seven persons had a sufficient number of votes to secure an election ; and they were Rev^d. Alonzo Hill, Rev^d. David Peabody, Rev^d. Jonathan Aldrich, Edwin Conant, William Lincoln, John Wright & Edward D. Bangs.

Ballots for the two additional persons were brought in, assorted and counted, and but one person had a sufficient number of votes, viz. Oliver Harrington.

The Ballots to fill the vacancy were again called for, and having been assorted and counted it appeared that Wm. N. Green was chosen.

Article 3. The Moderator, called upon the Inhabitants of the town, qualified to vote to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer. The votes having been brought in, assorted and counted, were as follows, viz. For Anthony Chase, One hundred and sixty votes. For Samuel D. Spurr, Ten votes. For Luke B. Witherby, one vote.

Article 4. Voted, that the Assessors be instructed to note and return to the Collector, the place of residence of all transient persons and also to return to the Selectmen a list of all minors and aliens, whom they have taxed, in addition to the legitimate duties of their office ; and that they receive therefor the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

Article 5. Voted, that the Treasurer, be Collector of Taxes :— that he receive the sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars for his services ; and that he make the same abatement to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within thirty, sixty and one hundred and twenty days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to him, as has heretofore been made.

Article 6. Voted, that the Collector of Taxes be instructed to

enforce the collection of all taxes remaining unpaid at the expiration of one hundred & twenty days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to him ; and that the collection may be enforced within the said 120 days, if there is good reason to believe that the amount will be lost by the delay.

Article 7. [Money for expenses of the year] Consideration of, postponed to adjournment.

Article 8. [Roads and Bridges.] do

Article 9. Report of old Board of Selectmen, on the subject of Guide Boards read by Moderator, and accepted.

Article 10. Voted that the town do "adopt and approve the 19th, 20th & 21st section of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes." [relating to enginemen.]

Article 11. The subject matter of this article is refered to the Board of Selectmen, authorizing them to fix a suitable compensation to the Sexton for his services.

Article 12. Voted, that the town do "cause the Lamps in the Centre District to be lighted the current year."

Article 13. Voted, that the town do "take charge of and defray the expenses of the Clocks of the First & Second Parishes the current year;" and that it be required of the person or persons having the care of said Clocks, that the time be kept with the true time in Boston, as furnished by the Agent of the Boston & Worcester Rail Road Corporation.

Article 14. Voted, that the town do "cause the Bell to be rung at noon, and at nine o'clock in the evening during the year."

Article 15. Voted, that the town do not suspend the operation of the laws relating to the Killing of certain Kinds of Birds.

Article 16. Subject matter thereof [boundary lines of roads] refered to the Board of Selectmen with power to act as they may deem necessary or proper.

Article 17. Voted that the request of Pond Shepard and Luther G. Shepard to be set off from School District No. 11, & annexed to School District No. 2, be granted so far, as to include their place of abode in District No. 2 ; and that the Selectmen be authorized to run the new line.

Article 18. [In regard to selling any of the land purchased for burial grounds] The subject matter of this article refered to a Committee of five to be nominated by the Chair ; who are to report thereon at the adjournment, and John Flagg, Is. Davis, Pliny Merrick, Luther Burnett Jr. & Ephraim Mower were chosen.

Article 19. [In regard to conveying one rod of land of the Mechanic Street Burial Ground to Samuel D. Harding to straighten a line] The subject matter of this article, referred to the Board of Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment.

Article 20. Voted, that the farms of Parley Goddard & James Estabrook be set to the Centre School District.

Article 21. [In relation to house of Engine No. 3 on land of Lewis Barnard] The subject matter of this article, refered to the Board of Selectmen, to report thereon, at adjournment.

Article 22. Voted, that the town do "give permission to John Flagg and others to erect a row of Sheds," under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, "from the new School House to the School House on the Southeast of the Grave Yard on the Common"—and that said Sheds may remain there for the term of Ten years.

Article 23. A report, signed by four of the Board of Selectmen, was read by the moderator:—in which they say—"This road is recommended to be accepted by the town; provided it is put in a suitable condition for a public highway, and the town is also indemnified from all expense for damages, that may be claimed by the owners of the real estate, over which said road is located."

"The majority of the Board of Selectmen, therefore, very cheerfully recommend this road to the acceptance of the town; described by the following metes and bounds—and with the conditions above mentioned commencing on the line of Main Street, ten feet south of the Stone Post, standing near the southeast corner of Samuel B. Thomas's House, thence S. 71½° E. 97 feet, being two feet from the southeast corner of said Thomas's House—thence S. 81½° E. 359 feet to a post, the southeast corner of said Thomas's land—thence S. 76° E. 384 feet to the west line of Summer Street; said bound being 27½ feet from the corner of the house built by Mr. Sturtevant—said road is laid out Thirty-eight feet wide from Summer Street, to the Blacksmith's shop, aforesaid, South of the line above described and paralell to it—and thence to Main Street said road is laid out Thirty-two feet wide, south of the first described line and paralell to it."

In locating this road the undersigned recommend that the house of Mrs. Porter, which stands in part. on a portion of its location, should remain as it is, untill it shall be deemed expedient by the town otherwise to direct, and that no other building shall be erected on same location"—The abovenamed Samuel B. Thomas filed a Bond thereby binding himself to do and perform all the conditions named in the report of the Selectmen, under the penalty

of Two Thousand Dollars—Whereupon it was Voted to accept said report of the Selectmen.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in April next, at three o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Captain C. A. Hamilton Sir

The following appointments have been made by the Board of Selectmen, viz.

*William M. Bickford, Harrison Bliss, *Henry Wheeler, *Charles Boardman, *Archibald Willard, Ansel Lakin, *Pliny Holbrook, *Charles M. Deland, *Pitt Holmes, Ebenezer Ball, *Adolphus Taft, *Elbridge G. Pratt, *Windsor Hatch 2d. Measurers of Wood & Bark. *Nathan R. Tilton, Pound Keeper. Orlando Ware, Sealer of Weights & Measures & Charcoal Baskets.

Will you have the goodness to cause them to be notified.

Respectfully John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Recorded March 13, 1838. A copy, excepting what is in Red Ink. Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday April 5, 1838. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, this day, at two o'clock P. M. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the Board of Selectmen, by their Chairman, presiding, the following described proceedings were had; viz.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by said Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who thereupon called upon the legal voters to bring in their votes on one ballot for three persons to serve as County Commissioners and also for two persons to serve as special Commissioners, being inhabitants of different towns. The votes having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number of Ballots was Four Hundred and Ninety-three.

The Ballots for Commissioners, were as follows, viz.

Wm. Crawford, Oakham,	had Four Hundred and thirty-one
Samuel Taylor, Sutton,	" Two Hundred and thirty-eight
Amory Holman, Bolton,	" Two Hundred and Thirteen
Jared Weed, Petersham,	" Two Hundred and Seventy-one
Thomas Chamberlain, Worcester	Two Hundred and Eighteen
William N. Green, Worcester	" Twenty-six

* Sworn.

Abiel Jaques, Worcester	had	Thirty
William Eaton, Worcester	"	Two
James G. Carter, Lancaster	"	Eleven
Charles Chaffin, Holden	"	Two
Charles Russell, Princeton	"	One
Obediah Wood, Mendon	"	One
James Draper, Spencer	"	One
John Brooks, Princeton	"	One

The ballots for Special Commissioners were as follows, viz.

David Davenport, Mendon	had	Two Hundred and fifty-two
Zachariah Sheldon, Fitchburg	"	Two Hundred and Forty-two
Sullivan Thayer, Uxbridge	"	Two Hundred and Forty
Hiram Wheelock, Sturbridge	"	Two Hundred and Forty-six
Benjamin Davenport, Mendon	"	Two
Abiel Jaques, Worcester	"	Two
Amory Holman, Bolton	"	Two

The foregoing record was made; public declaration thereof was made and a return signed by the Board of Selectmen and Clerk, was sealed up in open town meeting.

It was then voted to postpone, indefinitely, the consideration of the remainder of the warrant [in regard to setting Jonathan Gleason and family from School District No. 8 to No. 1.]

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday April 2, 1838. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall, in Worcester, this day, at 3 o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the 5th day of March, last, the following proceedings were had; viz.

The Chairman, J. W. Lincoln, called the meeting to order, and Silas Brooks having expressed a wish to be excused from serving on the Committee of Highway Surveyors it was voted that he be excused; and Guy S. Newton was chosen in his place.

Voted, to choose another Constable. *Ansel Lakin was chosen.

Voted, to excuse William Lincoln from serving on the School Committee; he, having, in a letter to the Chairman, made such request.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of two persons to fill the vacancies in the School Committee occasioned by the death of Edward D. Bangs and the resignation of Wm. Lincoln.

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* Sworn.

John Coe and John M. Earle were chosen.

John Coe having been excused at his own request.
Maturin L. Fisher was chosen in his place.

Voted, to choose a Committee of three persons, to settle with the former Board of Selectmen and with the Treasurer of the town.

James Estabrook, Otis Corbett, Francis T. Merrick were chosen.

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen appoint three suitable persons to be Weighers of Beef.

Voted, that the Surveyors of Lumber, be also Surveyors of Shingles and Clapboards.

Voted, that George W. Mower be excused from serving as Field Driver in District No. 2 and Francis Strong and *Oliver K. Cook were chosen.

Article 9. The Committee, chosen to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the town the current year, made a report which was read by the Moderator.

Voted, that the report of the Committee be amended by increasing the appropriation for the Fire Department from one to three hundred dollars.

Voted to accept the report as amended—which is in the words following, to wit.

The Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, to estimate what amount of money it may be expedient for the town to raise to defray the current expenses of the town for the present year have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully report that in their opinion it is the interest of the town to raise for the objects hereafter mentioned the following sum.

For the support of Roads & Bridges	3,000
Construction of new Roads	5,000
Support of the Poor	1,600
Pay of Assessors	200
Pay of Treasurer	250
" of Chairman of Board of Selectmen	100
" of Chairman of Overseers of the Poor	50
Discount and abatement of Taxes	1,000
Contingent expenses of the town	500
Fire Department (as altered)	300
Pay of Enginemen	250
Lighting of Lamps	400
Ringing of Bells and for Funerals	300

*Sworn.

Care of the Clocks of 1st & 2d Parishes		40
Support of Schools	4000	
for contingent expenses of same	500	4,500
		17,490

All which is submitted — John W. Lincoln, Isaac Davis, Tho. Chamberlain — Committee of Estimate

Worcester, April 22, 1838

Voted, that the amount of the above estimate, namely, Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Dollars be assessed upon the Polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon the property of such non-residents, as may be liable to taxation, within the town.

Article 11. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to whom was refered the subject matter of this article, made a verbal report, that in their opinion the sum of two dollars which has heretofore been paid to the Sexton, for each Burial was a proper sum.

Article 18. Report of Committee read by the Chairman.

Voted, to accept the report, and that the Selectmen be instructed to sell, whenever they may be offered such a price as shall make it advisable to sell—The closing part of the report is as follows— "Your Committee therefore recommend, that the Grounds purchased of the Assignees of Sam[l]. Ward, for a Burial place, containing about twenty three acres, be sold and the proceeds applied to the liquidation & payment of the Debt existing against the town."

Article 19. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to whom was refered the subject matter of this article, stated that the Board were not ready to report.

Article 20. The Vote passed the 5th ult[o]. under this article (see page 135) was reconsidered, so far as relates to Parley Goddard, and it was voted that that part of the article be refered to the Board of Selectmen, with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting.

Article 21. Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to take a deed of the land owned by Capt. Lewis Barnard, in Lincoln Square, on which the town has erected a building for an Engine House &c. upon the condition named in the report of the Selectmen which was read to, and accepted by the town, at a meeting holden April 13, 1835 (see ante, page 62) which condition is in the words following, to wit, "Captain Lewis Barnard proposes to convey sufficient land for an Engine House to be located near the large

Elm Tree north of the Turnpike, on the condition that he be allowed the use of the Basement Story."

Article 17. The vote passed on the 5th of March last (see ante, page 134) under this article was reconsidered, and the whole subject refered to a committee of three to be nominated by the Chair, and Silas Brooks, Lewis Chapin & Fred. Wm. Paine were chosen.

Article 22. The vote passed on the 5th of March last (see page 135) under this article, was reconsidered, and it was voted to postpone, indefinitely the further consideration of the subject.

Voted, that the meeting be now disssolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

[End of the Sixth manuscript volume.]

Monday June 11, 1838 At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden in accordance with the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, this eleventh day of June A. D. 1838, the following described proceedings were had, viz. The Town Clerk called the meeting to order and read the foregoing Warrant, whereupon

John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 1. The Moderator read the former By-Laws of the town, and after his suggesting some modifications it was voted that they be accepted as modified, and that the Board of Selectmen be requested to make application to the Court of Common Pleas for their approval thereof.

Article 2. The consideration of this article was postponed for a short time, and when acted upon it was voted that the Selectmen be authorized to pay to School District No. 8 such sum of money as they may deem proper for the town to pay (on account of the Poor Farm being in that District), toward defraying the expense of erecting a new School House in said District.

Articles 3 & 4. Voted that the subject matter of these articles be refered to a Committee of ten, to be nominated by the Chair, and to be instructed to report forthwith, if possible, there being but two of the six Engines, in town, to which there is any Company attached—The Committee, consisting of Thomas Kinnicutt, Isaac Davis, Guy S. Newton, Henry W. Miller, Nathan Heard, Ebenr. L. Barnard, Lewis Chapin, George T. Rice, Thomas Chamberlain & Otis Corbett, after having been out some time, came in and made a verbal report, stating it to be their unanimous opinion, that it is necessary to offer some inducement to

persons to man the Engines, greater than the abatement of the poll tax, and it being recommended by all the Committee (save one present & two absent members) it was voted that the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be authorized to pay to each member of the Fire Department who faithfully performs his duty, during the year ensuing his enlistment, the sum of Five Dollars.

Voted that the Board of Engineers be authorized to sell Engine No. 1 and that it shall not be manned, by having any Company attached to it.

Article 5. Voted, that the town do take charge of, and cause to be lighted the Lamps recently put up in Thomas Street at the expense of individuals.

Article 6. Voted, that the subject matter of the first part of the article, viz. that which relates to the piece of [the old Hardwick] road over *Cider Mill Hill*, [as is between the location for a new house of Elias Prouty and the intersection of the new road near the house of Guy S. Newton], be indefinitely postponed :— but that the other piece of road [so much of the Paxton road as is between its intersection with the new Hardwick road and its intersection with the old Paxton road near the old house of Nathan Wait] named in the article be discontinued, and that the Board of Selectmen be requested to make application to the County Commissioners for its discontinuance.

Article 7. Voted, that the town do accept of the report of the Selectmen laying out Portland, Salem and Myrtle Streets ; which report, having been filed in the Town Clerk's Office on the 30th ult. is in the words following, to wit :—

The Selectmen of the town of Worcester, on the petition of John Coe and others, having caused the requisite notice to be given to all interested that they would meet at the office of the Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company on Saturday the 26th day of May instant (this day) at two of the clock in the afternoon and having met at the time, place and for the purpose therein mentioned, they proceeded to view the routes for roads or Streets as mentioned in said petition and having heard all persons who desired to be heard thereon, they adjudged that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, and proceeded to locate Portland Street, as follows :—

Beginning at the South line of the Town's Common, thence South 34½° West 55 rods and 10 links to land of Thomas G. Mower—the said Street being located 50 feet wide Eastwardly of the line before described—the persons interested in the land over which said road is located are John Coe, Abraham G. Randall,

William Harrington, Thomas B. Eaton and Charles Allen who make no claim for damages, and none are awarded to them.

They also located Salem Street as follows :—

Beginning at the South line of the Town's Common at a stake, thence South 35½° West 46 rods to Myrtle Street—the said road being located 35 feet wide West of the line now described—the corner of the House now occupied by Nathan R. Tilton stands about one foot within the location—It is not proposed to interfere with the present building, but whenever it shall be removed the location is thenceforward to remain free from obstruction. The owners of the land over which said Street is located are John Coe and Alfred D. Foster who do not claim any damages therefor, and none are given them.

They also located Myrtle Street as follows :—

Beginning at a mark on the fence on the east side of Main Street and thence South 49° East 48 rods and 4 links to the Southwest corner of Salem Street—the said Street being located South of the said described line being 36 feet wide on Main Street thence widening on the South side to 38 feet on the West side of Portland Street, and continuing to widen on the South side to 40 feet on the East side of Portland Street and thence Eastwardly continues of the width of 40 feet. The owners of the land over which Myrtle Street is located are Anson Braman, Thomas B. Eaton, John Coe and Tilly Raymond who neither claim, or in the opinion of the Selectmen are entitled to damages.

The section of Myrtle Street which is eastward of the West line of Salem Street, the Selectmen decline to locate; as, in their opinion, it had not been put into a fit condition to be offered to the town for their acceptance—to whom, this report is respectfully submitted. By order of the Selectmen,

Worcester, May 26, 1838 John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Article 8. F. W. Paine, one of a Committee chosen on the 2d day of April last, made the following report, viz.

"The Committee to whom the Petition of Paul Shepard and L. G. Shepard was refered, have attended to that duty and beg leave to report that in their opinion the said Paul & L. G. Shepard ought to be annexed to School District No. 2 together with the House which is in their occupation and ownership.

All which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee Worcester, June 9th, 1838. Fred. W. Paine"

Voted to accept the Report.

The Committee chosen May 1, 1837 to settle with the (then) former Board of Selectmen & the Town Treasurer made a verbal report that they had not been able to make any settlement with the Board of Selectmen owing to the fact that the appropriations for each year had not been kept distinct.

They submitted an account between Charles G. Prentiss, late Treasurer & Collector, and the Town, in which they say, that they "find the account herewith exhibited correctly stated, and well vouched" :—by which it appears that said Treasurer has paid over all the sums, for which he is answerable.

Voted to accept said reports.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The Board of Selectmen sent a communication to me stating that they had appointed John Field as Sealer of Weights & measures for the current year, and on this twenty ninth day of June A. D. 1838; said John Field appeared before me and took the oath of office.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

By-Laws to be observed in the Town of Worcester.

1. If any person shall play at any game of Ball, or strike any Ball with a Bat-stick, or his foot, or shall throw any Ball into, in, about, across or along any of the Streets or Roads in the Town of Worcester, he shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars.

2. If any person shall throw any Stones, Brickbats, Clubs, or any other hard substance into, in along, across or about any part of any of the Streets or Roads in said Town, he shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars.

3. If any person shall use the pastimes of running, rolling or driving a Hoop, in, along, across or about any of the Streets or Roads in said Town, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars for each offence.

4. If any person shall set fire to any Fireworks, other than Crackers, Squibs, Serpents and Rockets, composed of Gun-powder, Fulminating Powder, or Spirits of Turpentine; or of which Gun-powder, Fulminating Powder, Spirits of Turpentine or other combustible matter is an ingredient; or shall throw any such lighted fire-works; or shall have any such Fireworks in his pos-

session with intent to sell, or with intent to set fire to the same; or if any person shall offer for sale, sell or give any such Fireworks, without license of the Selectmen of the Town first obtained therefor, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence the sum of Five Dollars.

5. If any person shall smoke any Cigar or Pipe in any of the Streets or Roads within School District No. 1, in said Town, he shall, for such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of One Dollar.

6. If any person shall expose himself in swimming or bathing (in the daytime, or within one hour before sunrise, or one hour after sunsetting), in any part of the Blackstone Canal within the limits of the town of Worcester, or in any of the Ponds, Streams or Waters within said limits, in view of a dwelling house, or Street, or Highway, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay, not less than Two Dollars, nor more than Ten Dollars, according to the aggravation of the offence.

7. If any person shall throw the carcase of any dead animal into any part of the Blackstone Canal, or into any of the Ponds, Streams or Waters within the limits of said Town; or if any person shall leave any such carcase of any such animal to decay on the surface of the ground, or insufficiently buried therein, near any Building or any Road or other Highway in said Town, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, a sum not less than Five Dollars, nor more than Ten Dollars.

8. If any person shall coast or run down, in, into, across or along any of the Streets or Roads in said Town, on any Handsled, Board or any other thing, upon the Snow or Ice, he shall, for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars.

9. If any person shall drive any Horse, Cattle, Cart, or any Wheel-carriage of burden or pleasure; or wheel any Wheelbarrow; or suffer or allow any Horse, Cattle, Cart, Wheel-carriage or Wheelbarrow to be on the foot or side walks of any of the Streets in the town of Worcester, in which foot or sidewalks shall be made or determined on, as hereafter mentioned; such person shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of One Dollar:—Provided, that this ordinance shall not apply to any person driving or passing to or from the travelled parts of the highway, directly to or from the yard or yards adjoining the foot or sidewalks.

10. If any person shall place any obstruction on any foot or side walks, or in any of the Streets or Roads in said Town, and allow the same to remain there, without the consent of the Select-

men first obtained therefor in writing, he shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not less than Two Dollars, nor more than Ten Dollars.

11. No person shall hereafter saw any Fire-wood, or pile the same upon the side or foot walks of any of the Streets or Roads, in said Town; and no person shall stand on any such foot or side-walk, with his Wood-saw or Horse, to the hindrance or obstruction of any foot passenger, under a penalty of One Dollar.

12. The foot or side-walks, within the meaning of these Bye-Laws, shall be such parts of the Highway as are within the curb-stones thereof, in all places where the same shall have been paved with Brick or Stones; and also such parts of such highways as have been established as foot or side-walks in conformity with the then existing By-Laws of the town; and also such parts of such highways as shall be specially determined upon, as and for foot or side-walks by the Selectmen, whenever such determination shall be recorded by the Town Clerk, in the book of town records.

13. No person driving any Carriage, or any Beast or Beasts harnessed thereto; or riding on, or after any Horse, mare or other Beast, in or through any of the public Streets or Highways in the town, shall suffer the said Horse, Gelding or other Beast to go at an immoderate gait, so as to endanger persons standing or passing on said Streets; and every person so offending herein, shall forfeit and pay for each offence, a sum not less than Two Dollars nor more than Twenty Dollars:—Provided, further, that all unnecessary riding or driving any Horse or other Beast, at a faster rate than eight miles an hour, shall be considered a violation of this By-Law, and shall subject the person so offending, to the penalties last above mentioned.

14. If any person shall move any Building, Boat or other heavy thing, other than the usual Carriages and travel common to public roads, over any of the Bridges in said Town, without the consent of the Selectmen first obtained therefor in writing, he shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, the sum of Twenty Dollars.

15. If any person shall in any manner injure for use, any of the Pumps, either in the highways, or on the public squares of said town; or shall throw any substance into any of said pumps or wells, so located, shall forfeit and pay, for any such offence, a sum not less than two dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, according to the aggravation of the offence.

16. If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol or other small arm, loaded with powder, in any public street, or near any dwelling house in said town, other than by military companies,

when actually embodied, and at the time under the command of a commissioned officer, and by his order, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars for each offence.

17. If any person shall carry a naked scythe attached to a snath, in any of the public roads or streets of the town, between the time of the setting and the rising of the sun, he shall forfeit and pay not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, for each offence.

18. If any person shall tie or fasten any Horse, Cattle or Team to any of the trees planted in any public highway or street, or on any public lands in said town, for shade or ornament; or to any Iron or Fence put up for the protection of said trees, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not less than one dollar, nor more than ten dollars.

19. If any person shall suffer any horse, cattle or team, or any beast harnessed to any wheel carriage, to go at large, without a rider or driver, on any public street, highway, common or square, in the town of Worcester, he shall forfeit and pay, for each offence a sum not less than one dollar, nor more than five dollars.

20. The Selectmen of this town, for the time being, are authorized, and it shall be their duty, to take care of all trees which may be standing or growing, for ornament or use, within the limits of the public highways or streets, or on the public lands of the town; and any person who shall dig up, cut down, injure or destroy any of said trees, which are now standing, or which may hereafter be placed within said limits, without the consent of such Selectmen first obtained therefor, in writing, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, and for every such tree, a sum not less than ten dollars, nor more than twenty dollars.

21. If any owner of real estate on Main Street; or any other Street in said Town, on which there are paved sidewalks, shall omit, for twenty-four hours after the fall of any Snow, to clear the same therefrom so that no obstruction shall be occasioned to any foot passengers, such owner shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars.

22. All the foregoing penalties may be recovered, with costs, by action of debt, or by information before any Justice of the Peace of the County of Worcester; one moiety of all forfeitures and penalties, provided by the By-Laws of the Town of Worcester, shall be paid and recovered to the use of the Poor of said Town; and the other moiety thereof, to the use of the person who sues or prosecutes for the same:—And it is hereby made the

duty of the several Highway Surveyors, Field Drivers, and Constables of the Town, to see that the By-Laws of the town are enforced, within their respective districts; and to prosecute for all offences against their provisions, which may come to their knowledge.

23. All former By-Laws of the Town inconsistent with the provisions contained in the foregoing articles, are, and the same shall be repealed from and after the time the Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Worcester, shall have signified their approval of these By-Laws:—

Provided, that such former By-Laws shall be continued and remain in full force, so far as may be necessary for the recovery and collection of any penalty which may have been incurred for the breach thereof.

Worcester June 11, 1838. I certify that the By-Laws written upon this and the three preceding pages, were accepted by the Inhabitants of this Town at a legal meeting held at the Town Hall, this day; and the Board of Selectmen were requested to make application to the Court of Common Pleas for their approval thereof. C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester, June Term, 1838. The above By-Laws are approved. Solomon Strong, Judge C. C. Pleas.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday November 12, 1838 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on this twelfth day of November A. D. 1838, being the second Monday of said month, and John W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding, the following votes were cast; viz.

For Governor.

The whole number of ballots was Nine Hundred and Ninety one.

Edward Everett had Six Hundred and Fifty.
Marcus Morton " Three Hundred and Thirty nine.
Francis Jackson " Two.

For Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of ballots was Nine Hundred and Ninety.

George Hull had Six Hundred and forty nine.
Theodore Sedgwick had Three hundred and thirty nine.
Amasa Walker had One George Hill had One.

For Senators and Counsellors.

The whole number of ballots was Nine Hundred and sixty.

Linus Child	had	Five Hundred and fifty four.
William Hancock	"	Five Hundred and fifty one.
Thomas Kinnicutt	"	Five Hundred and fifty one.
Artemas Lee	"	Five Hundred and fifty.
James G. Carter	"	Five Hundred and fifty two.
James Allen	"	Five Hundred and fifty two.
Pliny Merrick	"	One Hundred forty three.
Joseph Davis	"	Seventy seven.
Amory Holman	"	One hundred forty one.
Ephraim Stone	"	Seventy five.
Otis Hayden	"	Seventy six.
Samuel Wood	"	Seventy seven.
John Spurr	"	Two hundred eighty seven.
Sullivan Sumner	"	Two hundred eighty eight.
Nathaniel Wood	"	Two hundred eighty eight.
Charles Sibley	"	Two hundred eighty eight.
Jedediah Marcy	"	Two hundred eighty six.
Nathaniel Rand	"	Two hundred eighty four.
Aaron Brooks Jr.	"	Sixty three.
Joseph Thayer	"	Sixty six.
Benjamin D. Hyde	"	Sixty four.
Jubal Harrington	"	Sixty three.

Isaac Davis, one. Joseph Converse, one. James Estabrook, one. Maturin L. Fisher, one. James S. Woodworth, one. Oliver Harrington, one. Emory Washburn, two. Charles Allen, one. Seth Lee, one. Otis Brigham, one. Martin L. Stow, one. Lewis Chapin, one. Genl. Hosmer, one. Asa H. Waters, one. Joseph Mason, one. Maynard King, one. Asaph Rice, one. R. G. Fairbanks, one.

For Representative in Congress for District No. 5.

The whole number of ballots was Nine hundred eighty seven.

Levi Lincoln	had	Four hundred sixty three.
Isaac Davis	"	Three hundred fifteen.
Charles Allen	"	Two hundred and six.
Maturin L. Fisher	"	One.
Nathaniel Wood	One.	George Allen One.

For Representatives in the General Court of Mass.

The whole number of ballots was Nine hundred and eighty eight.

Stephen Salisbury	had	Five hundred fifty eight.
William Lincoln	"	Five hundred nineteen.

Nathan Heard	had	Five hundred thirty eight.
Lewis Chapin	"	Five hundred forty three.
Simon S. Gates	"	Five hundred twenty five.
Ichabod Washburn	"	Five hundred twenty six.
Isaac Davis	"	Three hundred fifteen.
James Estabrooks	"	Three hundred fourteen.
Maturin L. Fisher	"	Three hundred twenty one.
Thomas Nichols	"	Three hundred twenty one.
Joseph Converse	"	Three hundred twelve.
Caleb Newcomb	"	Three hundred eighteen.
George T. Rice	"	One hundred nineteen.
Charles Blair	"	One hundred nineteen.
Pliny Merrick	"	One hundred twenty six.
Benjamin Butman	"	One hundred thirty three.
Cyrus Lovell	"	One hundred thirteen.
John Flagg	"	One hundred seven.

Oliver Harrington Twenty nine, Charles Hersey Three, James S. Woodworth Six, John Coe, Three, Thomas Chamberlain Two, John P. Kettell one, William Barber one, Charles Allen one, Albert Tolman Two, John Wright Two, William R. Wesson one, Henry W. Miller one, Emory Washburn one, A. D. Foster Four, Benjamin F. Thomas one, Thomas H. Rice one, Luke B. Witherby one, Daniel Goddard one, Danforth H. Bundy one, Putman W. Taft one, Benjamin Goddard 2d one, Lewis Thayer one, Jubal Harrington two, Samuel D. Spurr one, William H. S. Greenleaf one. Samuel Banister one, Edward Earle one, Lansford Wood one, George M. Rice one.

For County Commissioners,

The whole number of Ballots was Six hundred and fifty one.

Nathan Heard	had	Three hundred eleven.
Zachariah Sheldon	"	Two hundred fifty seven.
Ephraim Stone	"	Seventy eight.
Cephas Willard two		J. W. Lincoln one
Samuel Lee one		Abiel Jaques one

The votes having been given in, assorted, counted and recorded, as before written, declaration thereof was made; and returns, according to the Constitution and the Law, were made out and sealed up in open town meeting, and directed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Mass^{tts}, with the exception of the return of Representatives chosen to attend the General Court of Mass^{tts}. and the return of votes cast for a County Commissioner, which last was directed to the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for the County of Worcester.

It having been voted to choose six Representatives to represent this town in the next General Court of the Com°. and votes having been brought in, assorted and counted as recorded on the preceding page, it appeared that the whole number of votes was 988 necessary to a choice 495

Stephen Salisbury had 558 William Lincoln 519 Nathan Heard 538 Lewis Chapin 543 Simon S. Gates 525 Ichabod Washburn 526 and they were chosen.

Voted to proceed to the choice of a Moderator.

John W. Lincoln was chosen.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next Novr. 19, then to be holden at this place at 2 o'clock P. M.

Monday Novr. 19.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall, on this nineteenth day of November A. D. 1838 at two o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the 12th inst. J. W. Lincoln, Moderator, called the meeting to order and the 7th Article was taken up, and the subject matter thereof was refered to a Committee, chosen by nomination, consisting of

F. W. Paine, Wm. Eaton, Ja^s. Estabrook, Thos. Chamberlain & John Flagg, who were requested to report at the next meeting of the Town—and among other things, the comparative expense of making a new [Tatnuck] road and altering, or improving the old one.

Art. 8. [New brick schoolhouse] Postponed for a short time.

Art. 9. Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to make such arrangements, for the Board and maintenance of William Caldwell, at the Almshouse, with such Guardian as may be appointed, as they may consider equitable.

Art. 10. "The Selectmen having been directed to consider the application of Parley Goddard that his farm may be taken from School District No. 6 and annexed to District No. 1, have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully report," "that the School District No. 1 be extended so far to the East as to embrace within its limits the farm house of Parley Goddard now occupied by Capt. James Campbell."—the whole of the report of which the foregoing are extracts, having been read, it was voted to accept the same.

The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, having stated that he had advertised for sale, and personally endeavored to sell Engine No. 1, but without finding a purchaser, Geo. T. Rice stated

that if the town would permit him to remove the Engine to Northville, he would cause the same to be carefully kept, whereupon it was voted that he have leave so to do.

Article 8. The Committee chosen to build the School House on the Common made a report of their doings; among other things, stating the costs as follows, viz.

Capt. Sheldon's original contract	$2,900
Extras for Cellar, Hook & Ladder room, Seating, Fences, &c.	374,96
Painting inside	97,62
Stove & Funnel for one room	38,40
Seating 2d room & Stove & Funnel say	150,00
Small items paid by Committee say	25,00
making the whole	$3,585,98
Original appropriation	3,300,00

Voted to accept the report, and that the sum of $285,98 be taken from the portion of the Surplus Revenue of the U. S. which this town has heretofore received—for the payment of said balance.

Article 11. The report of the Selectmen on the petition of Chas. Hersey and others requesting the discontinuance of a portion of an old road and the establishment of a piece of new road as a town road instead, was read, and accepted—The Selectmen, after due proceedings, "adjudged that the public convenience required that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, and the said new road be established as follows:—Beginning at a stake on the westerly side of the old road near said Uriah Stone's house, thence North 28° East 153 feet—thence North 12° East 210 feet —thence due North 140 feet to the old Stafford Turnpike—it being 12 rods and 7 feet in length over land of said Uriah Stone and 22 rods and 6 feet over land of Charles Hersey—the said road being laid 2 rods wide, eastward of the line above described —and that so much of the old road be discontinued as is rendered unnecessary by the use of the above new road."

See plan &c. in report on file.

The report of the Selectmen on the petition of Elisha Smith representing "that he has a right of passing and repassing across his brother's land to a pasture secured to him by deed and that he has had much difficulty respecting said way by having the usual and most convenient road fenced up repeatedly" &c. &c. was read and accepted. The report says; "The said Selectmen having been shewn that Elisha Smith then possessed a right of way

over land of Asa M. Allen or Daniel Smith or of whomsoever it may belong, it being the same land which was deeded to said Daniel Smith in the division of the farm which formerly belonged to his Father, which said right of way had never been definitely set forth by metes and bounds, and to prevent future difficulties in relation thereto the said Selectmen proceeded to make a location as follows—Beginning at a Stake and stones at line of land of Elisha Smith thence over land of Asa M. Allen or Daniel Smith, the same as before described, North 8° west 15 rods & 7 links to a stake & stones—thence North 4° West 14 rods & 14 links to a stake & stones—thence North 2° West 8 rods & 23 links to the East Bar post of a set of bars—thence North 2° East 12 rods & 23 links to a stake and stones—thence North 18° East 14 rods & 17 links to a stake and stones—thence North 26° East 8 rods & 21 links to a Butternut Tree—thence North 16¾° East 12 rods to a stake and stones—thence North 70½° East 6 rods to a Walnut tree on the south side of a road leading to the public road near said Elisha Smiths house---the said private way to be two rods wide westerly of the metes and bounds before mentioned."

Article 12. Voted, that the Assessors be authorized to abate the taxes, which were assessed the current year upon the property destroyed by the late fire in School Street.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on this thirty first day of December A. D. 1838 at 2 o'clock P. M. J. W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, called the meeting to order and read the Warrant—the lower Hall being filled with smoke, the meeting was adjourned to the South upper Hall and from thence to the North upper Hall—where the presiding officer called upon the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner under the first article in the Warrant—which were brought in as follows, to wit:

The whole number of ballots was Three Hundred and eleven.

Nathan Heard had One Hundred and thirteen.
Zachariah Sheldon had Fifty-four.
John W. Lincoln had One Hundred & twenty-five.
William Eaton had Nineteen.

The votes having been given in, assorted, counted and recorded as above written, declaration thereof was made, and a return

according to the Constitution and the Law, was made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

Article 2. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 3. Wm. N. Green read a report of the School Committee, stating that there was a mistake made in the supposed amount of Mr. Thurber's Salary of $100, that his salary is $900 per annum: and recommending that the further sum of $50 be given him. It was voted to accept the Report, whereby "the Selectmen are authorized to pay the additional $100 together with the additional $50 to Mr. Thurber's salary."

The Committee chosen on the 19th ult°. to whom the subject of the roads from R. Newton's Saw-Mill to Main Street was refered, made a report, which was read by the Moderator, wherein they recommend "that the town order and direct a proper survey of both Potash Hill and that by Mr. Salisbury's be made and laid before the town at the annual meeting in March together with estimate of the expense of reducing them."

Voted, to accept the Report, and that the same Committee be authorized to cause the surveys and estimates together with the report of them, to be made, agreeably to their recommendation.

Article 4. Voted, that the consideration of the subject matter of this article [discharge of a bond signed by Wm. J. Fiske, Amos Hudson and Wm. Eaton] be indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. Voted, that a temporary Bridge be thrown across the stream near the Sattinet Factory in Tatnuck recently occupied by Wm. Pratt Esq. if it can be done at an expense not exceeding Twenty-five Dollars.

Voted, to choose a Committee of three persons, by nomination, to carry into effect the preceding vote: and Archibald Willard, Levi Gates & Charles Blair were chosen.

Article 6. Voted, that the Engineers of the Fire Department be authorized to cause Engine No. 4 to be altered to a suction Engine at an expense not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars.

Article 7. Voted, that the subject of enlarging or altering the Town Hall be refered to a Committee of nine persons to be nominated by the Chair and Fred. Wm. Paine, Thos. Chamberlain, Silas Brooks, Lewis Barnard, Lewis Chapin, Daniel Waldo, Stephen Salisbury, Otis Corbett, Benj^{a}. F. Thomas were chosen.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

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C. A. Hamilton, Esq. Town Clerk &c.

Sir, Mr. Windsor Hatch who had been appointed a measurer of Wood having removed from the vicinity ofFox's Mills it has been considered necessary to accommodate the wants of that neighborhood that another be appointed and the Selectmen have appointed Mr. Timothy Darling to that office.—Will you be pleased to forward him a notification thereof,

Respectfully your friend, John W. Lincoln.

The abovenamed Timothy Darling having been notified of his said appointment, appeared before the Town Clerk, and took the oath of office this 15th day of January A. D. 1839.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

A description of an alteration of a road in Worcester, as established in June 1838, by the County Commissioners—to wit:

Commencing at a stake driven into the ground on the westerly side line of the old County Road leading from Worcester, to Auburn opposite the north east corner of White & Boydens Factory; said stake standing on a straight line with the face of the northeast end of said Factory and distant from said northeast corner thereof 15 links and numbered 1.—Thence diagonally over said old County road South 28¾° East, 10 rods & 12 links to stake No. 2—on the westerly side line of the new County road usually called the Southbridge road and near the northwesterly end of the Bridge over Blackstone River:—at the northwesterly end the whole location is over said old County road, and at the Southeasterly end the whole location is over land of Luther White and Jubal Boyden:—thence over the westerly side of said Southbridge or new County road S. 30½° W. 31 rods and 18 links to stake No. 3, on the westerly side of said new County road and nearly opposite the intersection of a town road by a School House: the whole location is over said new County road.

The said alteration of road is laid out and located three rods wide on the northerly and easterly side of the aforedescribed metes and bounds and adjoining thereto. A corner of a small shop the property of said White & Boyden stands within the limits of the location, which they have agreed to remove without any claim for damages.

Location of School Street as established by the County Commissioners at the meeting holden in September, 1838, to wit:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the stone underpining

of Frederic W. Paine's brick block of buildings situated in the angle formed by Main & School Streets; the west side of said block of buildings fronting on Main street and the northerly end of the same block of buildings abutting on School Street; thence on and over the southerly side of said School Street S. 71 5–12° E. 15 rods 18 1–10 links to a hole drilled into a rock firmly imbedded in the ground with its top even with the surface of the Street, by the northwest corner of Messrs. Sutton's Lead Pipe Shop and 12 inches distant northwesterly from the water table on said N. W. corner of said shop;—and is also distant 33 feet 7½ inches from the corner bond on the southwest corner of Mrs. Sarah Fenno's house standing on the opposite or northerly side of said School Street; thence from the hole drilled in the rock by the northwest corner of said Sutton's shop, continuing on and over the southerly side of said School Street, S 79⅓° E. 47 rods 13 links to the westerly side of Summer Street and the easterly terminus of School Street, a hole drilled in a rock firmly imbedded in the ground within the limits of Summer Street 7 10–12 feet more easterly that the easterly termination of the southerly side line of said School Street, and in the same direction of said side line, and is placed as a monument to establish the southerly side line of School Street. The said street is laid out and located on the northerly side of, and adjoining the aforedescribed bounds and of the widths following, to wit: at its westerly end or intersection with Main Street, 26 5–12 feet wide and at its angle at the monument by the northwest corner of the Messrs. Suttons Lead Pipe shop 33 feet wide; both the southerly and northerly side lines thereof being straight lines from point to point regularly diverging easterly and regularly increasing the width of said street throughout the whole of said course from 26 5-12 to 33 feet. From the monument at the northwest corner of the Messrs. Suttons Lead Pipe shop to the monumentin Summer Street aforedescribed both the southerly and northerly side lines are straight lines and paralel to each other; throughout the whole of this course said street is located on the same side of the aforedescribed bounds, and of the width of 33 feet.

The encroachments within the limits of said School Street and on the northerly side thereof are as follows; to wit: The Brick Counting-room of Samuel Congdon opposite the wooden house of Mr. Sutton projects southerly within the limits of said street 4 inches. The southeast corner of Mrs. Sarah Fenno's house projects 5 inches within the street:—and on the same side and a little westerly of Mrs. Fenno's house a wooden house and lumber shed connected therewith of Andrew March, projects a very little

within the limits of said street. The fence of B. F. Smith near the easterly terminus of School Street by Summer Street is the only encroachment on the southerly side of said School Street within the limits thereof.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, holden at the Town Hall on this fourth day of March A. D. 1839 at 9 o'clock A. M. the following proceedings were had, viz.

John W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, (the whole Board being present) called the meeting to order, when he read the Warrant for calling this meeting, and then the Warrant for electing a County Commissioner; after which he called for the votes for a County Commissioner; which were brought in, assorted and counted in open town meeting, and were as follows

Art. 1. Whole number of ballots was Four Hundred and ninety six.

Nathan Heard had one Hundred and ninety seven.

John W. Lincoln had two hundred and thirty one.

William N. Green had sixty six.

Lewis Chapin had one. Charles A. Hamilton had one.

A true return of the above votes according to the Law, was made out, and sealed up, in open town meeting.

Art. 2. The votes for a moderator having been called for, brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that John W. Lincoln was chosen.

Art. 3. The votes for Clerk having been called for, brought in, assorted and counted it appeared that Charles A. Hamilton was unanimously chosen.

Art. 4. The votes for a County Treasurer having been called for, brought in assorted and counted in open town meeting were as follows, viz.

Whole number of ballots was two hundred and thirty eight.

Anthony Chase had two hundred and thirty five.

Isaac Davis had one. William E Green had two.

Art. 3. Voted to choose five Selectmen, to be voted for upon one ballot.

*John W. Lincoln, *Thomas Chamberlain, *John P. Kettell, *Stephen Salisbury & *Lewis Chapin were chosen.

Art. 3. Voted, to choose three Assessors by one balloting.

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* Sworn.

*Fred[k]. W. Paine, *Tho[s]. Chamberlain, *Nath[l]. Brooks were chosen.

Voted, to choose three Overseers of the Poor. Nathan Heard, William Barber & Alph[s]. Merrifield were chosen.

Voted to choose a Treasurer, who shall also be the Collector of Taxes. *Wm. H. S. Greenleaf was chosen.

Voted, to choose nine persons as the School Committee—a nominating committee, consisting of Otis Corbett, B. F. Heywood, O. Harrington, A. D. Foster & F. Thaxter were appointed by the Chair, and the further action thereon postponed untill the afternoon.

Art. 8. The consideration of, taken up. Voted that the roads and bridges within the town be repaired and maintained in the same manner that they were the last year, by a Committee of three Highway Surveyors—and the farther action thereon postponed untill the afternoon.

Voted, that the meeting be adjourned untill 2 o'clock P. M. at which time the meeting was again opened and called to order.

Art. 3. The committee appointed to nominate nine suitable persons for the School Committee, made a report which was accepted; and the ballots having been brought in assorted and counted, it appeared that but eight persons, of those nominated, were chosen, viz. Samuel M. Burnside, Rev[d]. Seth Sweetser, Maturin L. Fisher, Rev[d]. Elam Smalley, John Wright, Alfred D. Foster, Edwin Conant & Albert Tolman.

There being one vacancy, the ballots, to fill it, were brought in, assorted and counted, and—Thomas Kinnicutt, was chosen.

Art. 8. the consideration of, resumed—after some ineffectual attempts to increase the number of the Committee of Highway Surveyors, a nominating committee consisting of Amos R. Black, F. W. Paine, J. W. Lincoln, Wm. E. Green & Pliny Holbrook were appointed, who, in a few moments reported the names of *John W. Lincoln, *Lewis Chapin, & Eben[r]. L. Barnard, and they were chosen as said Committee of Highway Surveyors.

Art. 3. Voted to choose Twelve Constables, by nomination, and *Charles P. Bancroft, *Gordin Gould, *Ivers Phillips, *Leonard W. Stowell, *Seth Fisher, *John F. Clark, *Warner Hinds, *Peter Richardson, *William R. Wesson, *Benj[a]. Flagg, *Charles M. Deland, Joseph Lovell were chosen.

Voted, not to choose any Tythingmen.

Voted to choose Fifteen Field Drivers and *George M. Rice,

*Sworn.

*Isaac Lamb Jr. *George M. Cole, *Rhodolphus C. Edwards, Edwin Draper, Horace B. Claflin, Henry H. Chamberlain, Silas W. Newton, Alexander Thayer, Nath[l]. Brooks, Seth Fisher, George W. Mower, Luther G. Shepherd, Nahum Willington, John Flagg Jr. were chosen.

Voted, to choose Five Surveyors of Lumber, Shingles & Clapboards, and *Walter R. Bigelow, Horatio N. Tower, Lewis Bigelow, *James S. Woodworth, *Alph[s]. Merrifield were chosen.

Voted to choose Five Fence-Viewers, and †Edward Earle, *Clarendon Wheelock, *Ashley Moore, *Darius Rice, *Parley Goddard were chosen.

Voted to choose Three Clerks of the Market, and *Gardiner Paine, *Benj[a]. K. Conant, John Fessendon were chosen.

Voted, that School District No. 1 be allowed to choose a Prudential School Committee for themselves.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of one Prudential Committeeman, for each of the other School Districts, by nomination, and the choice was as follows, viz. for District No. 2, Levi Gates. 3, Charles M. Deland. 4, Lewis Chapin. 5, Francis Grout. 6, John Flagg. 7, Leonard Flagg. 8, Josiah Brittan Jr. 9, Cyrus Lovell. 10, Jeremiah Rogers. 11, Nath[l]. C. Moore. 12, Orrin Fairbanks.

Voted to choose a Committee, consisting of three persons, to settle with the Board of Selectmen, and Treasurer & Collector of Taxes, for the last year, and Isaac Davis, Lewis Bigelow & Samuel Banister were chosen.

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen, appoint a suitable number of Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Voted, not to choose a Sealer of Leather.

Voted, to choose a Committee of three persons by nomination to report an estimate of the sums necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the town, the current year; and John W. Lincoln, Fred[k]. W. Paine & Is. Davis were chosen.

The Town Clerk took the oath of office before John W. Lincoln, the Moderator of the meeting, immediately upon the declaration being made of his election, which said oath was administered in open town meeting.

Art. 5. Voted, that the Assessors receive the same compensation they did the last year, viz. $200—and that they perform the same duties; which were, in addition to the legitimate duties of the office, to note and return to the Collector, the place of resi-

*Sworn. †Affirmed.

dence of all transient persons, whom they have taxed; and give to the Selectmen a list of all minors and aliens, whom they have taxed.

Art. 6. Voted, that the Treasurer be Collector of Taxes, and that he receive the same compensation for his services, as he did the last year, viz. $250—and, that he make the same abatements to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within thirty, sixty or one hundred and twenty days, as he did the last year; that is to say; to those who pay their taxes within thirty days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to the Collector, he shall abate 6 per cent—within 60 days, 4 per cent. and within 120 days, 2 per centum.

Art. 7. Voted, that the Collector of taxes be instructed to enforce the collection of all taxes, remaining unpaid, at the expiration of one hundred and twenty days from the time that the tax bill shall be committed to him; and, that the collection may be enforced within said time, if there is good reason to believe that the tax will be lost by the delay.

Art. 9. The Committee chosen on the 31st day of December last on the subject of altering or enlarging the Town Hall, made a report which was read by the Chairman, and accepted; wherein they recommend an addition to the House, on the east end, of fifty feet &c. &c. estimated cost $7,500.

Afterward the vote of acceptance was reconsidered, on motion of Abijah Bigelow, and it was Voted, to commit the whole subject matter of the abovenamed report, with instructions, to see if another site, for a Town Hall, can be had:—to report an estimate of the cost of such new Town Hall:—and, if the present Town House shall be altered or enlarged, to consider the expediency of so arranging the Hall, for the meetings of the town, as to have it upon the same floor that it now is, instead of the upper story, as recommended in said report—and the Chair nominated the following named persons and they were chosen as said new Committee; viz, Abijah Bigelow, F. W. Paine, Silas Brooks, T. Chamberlain, Otis Corbett, Dan[l]. Waldo, B. F. Thomas.

Report of School Committee read by Wm. N. Green, and accepted. The report states, that the number of scholars, taught in the several public schools, is about 2500, as near as can be ascertained—the number of minors is 3069—it recommends that Mr. Thurber's salary for the coming year, as teacher of the Grammar School, be $1000.

The Committee chosen on the 19th day of November last, made a report, which was read by the moderator and accepted.

The report recommends the reduction of Potash Hill on the old Tatnuck road "to a degree of rise not exceeding four degrees and thirty minutes" "and the excavation will amount to 1821 cubic yards" to be filled in at the foot of the hill, on the west side making therein three blind drains—also, "that the hill near Mr. Salisbury's house (upon the new Tatnuck road) will require a cut three feet deep opposite the west gate post of his yard to bring it down to a few minutes below" four degrees—"the necessary excavating to do this would amount to 361 cubic yards" "which would be required to fill up the hollows on the road and at the foot of the hill on the east side"

Voted that the Committee of Surveyors of Highways be authorized to carry the recommendations of the report into effect.

Article 10. Voted, that the town pay one dollar and fifty cents to Samuel Harrington for each Burial, the current year, he having offered to perform the proper & customary services, for that sum.

Art. 11. Voted that the town do cause the Lamps in the Centre School District to be lighted, the current year.

Art. 12. Voted, that the town do take charge of, and defray the expenses of the Clocks of the 1st & 2d Parishes the current year.

Art. 13. Voted that the town do cause a Bell to be rung at noon and at 9 o'clock P. M. during the current year.

Art. 14. Voted, that the town do not suspend the operations of the Laws relating to the killing of certain Birds.

Art. 15. Voted, that the town pay to School District No. 1, Fifty Dollars for the fuel used in, and the care of the School room where the Latin Grammar School has been kept during the past year.

Art. 16. Voted, that the several Prudential School Committeemen be authorized to select and contract with such Teachers, for their several schools as the town Committee shall have examined and approved of.

Art. 17. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to direct the deposite of the town's money, in such Bank in said town, as will receive and pay out the said money, on the most favorable terms, "if it is safe."

Art. 18. Voted that the town do adopt and approve of the 19th, 20th and 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the revised Statutes; and that the farther sum of five dollars be paid to such Enginemen as shall perform their duties for one year from the time of their appointment in a manner acceptable to Engineers of the Fire Department.

Art. 19. The report of the Selectmen, laying out a piece of new road and discontinuing a portion of an old one, near William Goss; was read by the moderator, (the same having been filed in the Town Clerk's office on the 12th ult:) and it was voted to accept the same:—"The Selectmen proceeded to lay out said alterations as follows—Beginning at a point opposite the dividing line of land of Col. Artemas Ward 2d, and William Goss and at a stake on the north side of the old road at the corner of lands belonging to William Goss and Brigham Goss thence over land of Brigham Goss, east 24½°, south 17 rods to a heap of stones; thence over said Goss' land east 10½° south 4 rods & 5 links to a heap of stones; thence over land of said Goss, east 5° north 11 rods & 18 links to a pile of stones on the top of a wall—thence over land of said Goss, east 25½° north 8 rods & 12 links to a heap of stones;—thence over land of said Goss east 10° north 7 rods & 16 links to the old road (at this point the location on the south side of the old road will be one rod in width over land of Artemas Ward 2d, but the location over land of Col. Ward runs to a point in a short distance both eastwardly and westwardly) thence over land of said Goss east 2° south 18 rods & 19 links as the wall now stands to the old Millbury road—the location at its western terminus on the old road is two rods wide; thence gradually widening on the north side to the first angle to the width of three rods, and continuing of the width of three rods to the Millbury road—and the location is made on the southerly side of the line described and adjoining thereto. And the said location is made if the town approve thereof upon the express condition that the said Wm. Goss construct said road for the sum and in the manner proposed by himself," viz. "that he would repair & construct the road: the road to be worked to the width of sixteen feet exclusive of the ditches and no part of it when finished to have a greater elevation in the direction of the road than four and a half degrees and the whole work to be done to the acceptance of the Selectmen for the sum of Seventy-five Dollars."

"And it was further adjudged that so much of the old road as is between the termini mentioned in the petition and not included in the location before set forth be discontinued from and after the said new road shall have been made and accepted by the Selectmen."

Art. 20. Voted that the moderator select five persons to nominate a Committee, to consist of 5 persons, to take into consideration the subject matter of the article [William Eaton's bond] and

report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting ; & also report all the facts of the case, which can be obtained—the Chair nominated Chas. Allen, S. Salisbury, Silas Brooks, Abijah Bigelow & N. Heard, who after consultation reported the names of some gentlemen, two of whom declined serving on the Committee—the nominating Committee then reported the following named persons, who were chosen, viz. Abijah Bigelow, Ira Barton, John Wright, Abiel Jaques, John Jones.

Art. 21. The subject matter [to amend the 6th By-Law of the town] refered to the Board of Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment.

Art. 22. [To allow Dennis Newton his school money to pay the same to Millbury] Indefinitely postponed.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of April next, at 2 o'clock P. M. C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden, in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on this first day of April, A. D. 1839, at two o'clock P. M. J. W. Lincoln, as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding, the following described proceedings were had, viz.

The presiding officer called the meeting to order, and having read the Warrant for calling the meeting, and the warrant of the Examiners of votes for County Commissioners, called upon the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for County Commissioners, which, having been brought in, assorted and counted, were as follows ; viz, the whole number of votes was, Three Hundred and fifty.

For John W. Lincoln One Hundred and Ninety eight.
" William N. Green Forty six.
" Nathan Heard One Hundred and five.
" Ephraim Stone One.

Declaration thereof was made and a return, according to Law, was made out, and sealed up, in open town meeting.

Article 2. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 3. Voted that the Engineers of the Fire Department be authorized to hire the rooms over the one where Engine No. 5, is kept, [to afford more extensive accommodations for said Engine] if they can be hired at a rate not exceeding Forty Dollars per annum—and that said Engineers make enquiries whether

said rooms can be purchased, and if so, at what price, and report thereon at some future meeting of the town.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday this first day of April A. D. 1839 at two o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the fourth day of March last; J. W. Lincoln, Moderator, in the Chair, the following proceedings were had; viz.

Article 3. Voted that the Board of Selectmen appoint a suitable number of Measurers of Wood & Bark, a Pound Keeper, and a Sealer of Weights, Measures & Charcoal Baskets.

Voted, to choose another Constable, and *Pitt Holmes was chosen.

Article 9. The Committee chosen on the fourth ult°. under the ninth article, made a report, stating that they had "not been able to find any site suitable for" the erection of a new Town Hall, and asking "to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject;" and it was voted, that said Com^ee^. be discharged.

The report of the Com^ee^. chosen Decr. 31, 1838 was then called for and read, after which it was voted that the whole subject [altering or enlarging Town Hall] be indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Overseers of the Poor was read and accepted, and afterwards the vote was reconsidered, and it was voted, that the report be recommitted, for the purpose of having additional particulars added; and, that when it should be completed, the Overseers should procure it to be printed for distribution among the Inhabitants of the town.

The report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was read & spoken, and recommitted to be completed.

Voted that the Committee, chosen March 4, to settle with the Selectmen &c., be directed to settle with the Overseers of the Poor also.

The report of the Committee of Estimates was read, and after having been amended, it was accepted, and is in the words following, to wit:

The Committee appointed to estimate what sums it may be expedient for the town to raise to meet the expenses of the current

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year would respectfully report that in their opinion the following sums will be required to meet the necessary town charges:

For support of Roads and Bridges	3,000
" reducing hills on Pleasant & Highland Streets; railing & blind drains for the same & reducing hill on Oxford road north of Leesville	1,000
" new road near Brigham Factory	200
" alteration near Will[m]. Goss'	75
" pay of Assessors	200
" " " Treasurer & Collector	250
" " " Chairman of Selectmen	100
" " " " " Overseers of the Poor	50
" " of Fire Department 282 members, being 5$ and the amo[t]. of the Poll Tax as provided by Law to each member	1,762.50
" use of Fire Department	400
" interest on town debt	450
" discount and abatement of taxes	1,000
" contingent expenses of the town & to replace in part monies paid out for deficiency of appropriations	1,550
" lighting Lamps	500
" ringing Bells	40
" Funerals	180
" Care of the Clocks	50
" alteration of Engine	200
" Support of Schools viz. for payment of Instructors 4,300 contingent expenses 500——— The School money to be divided as follows —for Instructor of Grammar School 950$ Fuel &c. for Grammar School 50$—250$ to be divided equally among the School Districts from No. 2 to 12 inclusive & the remainder among all the Districts in proportion to the number of minors each District contains	4,800
For the support of the Poor for the year 1839/40 payment of debts incurred in support of the Poor 1838/39	2,500
	18,307.50

As the amount now in the Treasury with the amount due for Taxes will be insufficient to meet the current expenses untill a tax can

be assessed and collected, it is recommended that the Selectmen be authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be wanted for the uses of the town to be repaid as soon as the town shall be in funds therefor. By order of the Committee,

John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Voted, that the above sum of Eighteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents be assessed upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, and upon such estates of non-resident proprietors, within the town, as are liable to taxation for the purposes stated in the foregoing report of the Committee of Estimates.

Article 20. The Committee chosen on the 4th ult°. made a report of such facts as they had been able to obtain, which was read ; and after the meeting having been addressed by Mr. E. Washburn as Attorney of Wm. Eaton ; by B. F. Thomas as Agent of the town ; by A. D. Foster, Ira Barton & others it was Voted That the town offer to give up the Bond to the town, signed by Wm. Eaton and others, upon the condition that said William Eaton pay to the town, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, with interest thereon from the time that John W. Lincoln made some enquiries of said Eaton, relative to said Bond, by direction of the (then) Board of Selectmen, together with the costs of the suit on said Bond, now pending against said Eaton.

Article 21. Voted, that the 6th By-Law of the town, be amended by striking out the words "in the day time, or within one hour before sunrise, or one hour after sunsetting" and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to make application to the Court of Common Pleas for their approval of the same.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

"At a meeting of the Selectmen, on Monday the first day of April 1839, the following appointments were by them made, in conformity with the provisions of the Revised Statutes, viz.

Measurers of Wood and Bark. *Harrison Bliss, *Henry Wheeler *William M. Bickford, *Charles Boardman, *Austin Gleason, *Archibald Willard, *Charles M. Deland, *Pitt Holmes, *Adolphus Taft, *Elbridge G. Pratt, *Benjamin Goddard 2d.

Pound Keeper. *John Bradley.

Sealer of Weights & Measures and Charcoal Baskets. *John Field.

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Weighers of Beef. *Joseph Converse, Samuel Banister, *Samuel Putnam. Attest John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester, holden at the Town Hall, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, on this third day of June A. D. 1839 at two o'clock P. M. the following proceedings were had, viz.

John W. Lincoln, in behalf of the Board of Selectmen, (a majority of whom were present) called the meeting to order, and after having read the Warrant, called upon the Inhabitants to bring in their votes for a County Commissioner, there not having been any choice at the last election, as appeared by the Warrant of the Board of Examiners which was read to the meeting. The votes having been brought in, assorted and counted, were for the following named persons; to wit.

For John W. Lincoln, One hundred and forty four.
" Nathan Heard, Seventy two.
" Salem Towne, Twenty-five.
" William N. Green, sixteen. Charles Thurber, Four.

Whole number of ballots, Two hundred and sixty one.

Declaration thereof was made, and a return, according to Law, was made out and sealed up, in open town meeting.

Article 2. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 3. Report of Selectmen read by moderator, and it was voted that it be accepted. The report says "it was adjudged that the accommodation to the Inhabitants of the town would not be sufficient to justify the expense of making a new road [particulars not stated] as prayed for . . . it was considered that the interest of the town would be promoted by the discontinuance of so much of the old road as is between the County Road leading from Worcester to Grafton near the house of Darius Rice and the intersection of the road passing the houses of widow of the late Jeremiah Harrington and Leonard Flagg, and it was adjudged that so much of said old road be discontinued." Report was filed in Town Clerk's office May 17, 1839.

Article 4. Report of the Selectmen read by the Moderator, and it was voted that it be accepted. The report says "it was considered that the interests of the town would be promoted by

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the location of a town road as follows—Beginning on land of Thomas Sutton at the southwest post of his barn yard fence thence N. 14½° W. to a stake 3 rods 15 links—N. 9° W. 4 rods 1 link to a stake—N. 10° E. 4 rods 18 links to a stake—N. 22° E. 4 rods 19 links to a stake—N. 31° E. 4 rods 18 links to a stake—N. 40° E. 4 rods 20 links to a stake—N. 43½° E. 7 rods to a stake—N. 52° E. 8 rods to a stake—N. 54½° E. 61½ rods to a stake at line of land of Nathaniel Brooks—thence over land of said Brooks N. 58° E. 6 rods to a stake—N. 63° E. 3 rods 18 links to a stake—N. 68½° E. 3 rods to a stake—N. 85° E. 2 rods 13 links to a post in the fence on the south side of the County road over Raccoon Plain—the said road being laid out 3 rods wide westerly and northwardly of the above described line." The said report was filed in the Town Clerk's office May 17, 1839.

Article 5. Voted, that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to pay the sum of five dollars to each of the persons who became members of the Fire Department between May 1 and July 1 1838 and continued as such untill May 1, 1839; and to pay to those persons, who became members after said July 1, 1838 and continued such until May 1, 1839, a proportionate sum.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Location of Summer Street as established by the County Commissioners at their September term 1838.

Commencing at a hole in a rock embedded in the ground on the easterly side of Summer Street at the southerly termination thereof and at its intersection with Pine Meadow Street, so called,—said monument is placed in the centre of the intersection of the foundation of an ancient wall on the northerly side of Pine Meadow Street with the centre of the intersection of the foundation of an ancient fence on the easterly side of said Summer Street and at the westerly face of another large rock lying on the extreme angular point of the side bank of said Pine Meadow road and said Summer Street—thence on and over the easterly side of said Summer Street, North one twelfth of one degree West, one hundred and sixteen rods and eighteen links to a hole drilled into a rock embedded in the ground on the easterly side of said Summer Street near the northwesterly corner of Rufus D. Dunbar's house—thence continuing on and over the easterly side of said Street, North, Twenty and three fourth degrees West, Seventy eight rods to a hole drilled into a rock embedded in the ground near the north-

erly side of the Worcester and Boston Turnpike road and also near the southerly side of Lincoln Square.

It was satisfactorily shown the Commissioners that the last of the afore described monuments are placed at the same points as the ancient bounds of said Summer Street on the eastterly side thereof [were] known and acknowledged as such within forty years. As respects the first mentioned of the afore described monuments it is evidently established Ten links more westerly than the place of the ancient bound; but it having been shown the Commissioners that the town of Worcester had allowed an encroachment at the southerly termination on the easterly side of said Street of Ten links wide and running northerly to a point at the monument near the northwest corner of Rufus D. Dunbar's house, and that said town has suffered the same to continue without objection on their part more than twenty years, the property having since the first encroachment, passed into the possession of other and different owners, it was considered by said Commissioners improper to disturb those rights which the present occupants have acquired through the tacit consent of said town of Worcester.

For the reasons above recited the Commissioners have established, in their new location, the aforesaid monuments as the bounds of said Summer Street—And yet there have been many encroachments on the public rights, both on the easterly and westerly sides of said Street within the new location of the same, from buildings, fences and other improvements within the period of forty years.

Said Summer Street having been originally laid out three rods wide on the westerly side of its ancient bounds, is now for the reasons above recited, laid out anew on the westerly side of the aforedescribed and established monuments of the widths following, to wit:—at the southerly termination thereof, at its intersection with Pine Meadow Street two rods and fifteen links wide; and at the monument aforedescribed near the northwest corner of Rufus D. Dunbar's house, three rods wide—The side lines throughout the whole of this course, both on the easterly and westerly sides of said Summer Street, are straight lines, regularly diverging as they extend northerly and regularly increasing the width of said Street from two rods 15 links to 3 rods wide. From the monument near the northwest corner of said Dunbar's house to the monument at the northerly termination of said street near the southerly side of the Worcester & Boston Turnpike road, said Summer Street was originally laid out 3 rods wide and it is now

relocated on the westerly side of the aforedescribed bounds, throughout this course, of the same width of its former location.

The encroachments within the limits of Summer Street as now relocated are as follows, to wit :—opposite the south east corner of William T. Merrifield's house encroachment on easterly side, two links.—opposite the northeast corner of J. H. Moore's house encroachment on easterly side two 5/10 links—opposite the north east corner of Alvin Waite's burnt house encroachment on the westerly side 1 link & on the easterly side 3 4/10 links—opposite the S. E. corner of Col. Ivers Phillips' house encroachment on the westerly side 1 link and on the easterly side 3 9/10 links —opposite the northeast corner of Alvin Waite's house encroachment on the westerly side is 1 5/10 links and on the easterly side 4 4/10 links—opposite the N. E. corner of Samuel Davis' house encroachment on the W. side is 2 links & on the E. side 5 1/10 links—opposite the S. E. corner D. G. Wheeler's house encroachment on the W. side is 2 links & on the E. 6 1/10 links—opposite the S. E. corner of Deacon Merrifield's double Brick house encroachment on the W. side is 2 links & on the E. side 6 1/10 links—opposite the N. E. corner of Deacon Merrifield's double brick house the first northerly of the one last mentioned, encroachment on the W. side is ¼ of one link—opposite the N. E. corner of a Grocery Store at the intersection of Centrall Street with Summer Street encroachment on the W. side is 2 links—opposite the S. E. corner of Deacon Merrifield's dwelling house encroachment on the W. side is 3 3/10 links—at the angle by the N. W. corner of R. D. Dunbar's house the location is clear of all obstructions or encroachments—opposite the S. E. corner of B. F. Smith's house, encroachment on the W. side is 9½ links and on the easterly side ½ link—opposite the N. W. corner of Henry Sibley's house the encroachment on the W. side is 10⅓ links—opposite the S. W. corner of Enos Dorr's house encroachment on the W. side 8 3/8 links—opposite the S. E. corner of J. F. Clark's brick house there is no encroachment—opposite the N. E. corner of B. H. Brewer's house encroachment on the W. side is 6¾ links—opposite the S. E. corner of Hezekiah M. Smiths house encroachment on the W. side is 6 3/10 links—opposite the N. E. corner of Daniel Harris' door yard fence encroachment on the W. side is 6 4/10 links & on the E. side 5 1/10 links—opposite the N. E. corner post of Samuel Davis' door yard fence encroachment on the W. side 7 links & on the E. side 9 links—opposite the N. E. corner of Clark Whittemore's door yard fence encroachment on the W. side is 7 6/10 links & on the E. side 2 1/10 links. Opposite

the N. corner of Hinds Goodale's house encroachment on the W. side is 1 1/3 links—opposite the N. E. corner of School House door yard fence encroachment on the W. side is 6 3/10 links and on the E. side 2 5/10 links—opposite the S. E. corner of the Brown House so called, encroachment on said corner of said house is 6/10 of a link—opposite the most prominent part of the curve of the Antiquarian door yard fence encroachment on the W. side is 9 5/10 links—opposite the northerly terminus of said Summer Street encroachment on the W. side is 18 2/10 links."

Location of "so much of the new road leading from Salisbury Street to the West Boylston road as is between Mr. Salisbury's woods and Millbrook," by the County Commissioners at their September term A. D. 1838.

Commencing said location at a stake and stones on the northeasterly side line of said road at Millbrook: thence on and over the northeasterly side of said road S. 11¼° E. 19 rods & 10 links to a Pine Tree, marked near the land of Eli Goulding—thence continuing over the northeasterly side of said road S. 24¼° E. 32 rods to a small Oak Tree, marked, by the northwest corner of Mr. Salisbury's wood lot and the southwest corner of the new Cemetary.

It having been satisfactorily shewn the Commissioners, both by documentary and verbal evidence, that the points where the aforesaid monuments are now established were on the antient northeasterly side line of said road, known and acknowledged as such within forty years—said road having been originally laid out three rods wide on the southwesterly side of the bounds aforesaid and adjoining the same is now located anew on the same side of said monuments, and of the same width of 3 rods as the antient and original location.

Location of "the highway between the termination of the new County road leading to Grafton, and the County road near the house of Darius Rice" by the County Commissioners, at their September term A. D. 1838.

Commencing at a stake driven into the ground and numbered 1 on the easterly side of the County road near the house of Darius Rice and southerly of the highway aforesaid, at the distance of 18 links from the southerly side line thereof, and also near the intersection of said highway with said County road—thence over land of Darius Rice S. 88¼° E. 25 rods to stake No. 2—widening said highway on the southerly side thereof at the westerly end 18, and at the easterly end 24 links over land of said Rice—thence over land of Clarissa Willington S. 87° E. 15 rods to stake

No. 3 widening said highway, on the southerly side of the same at the westerly end 24 and at the easterly end 32 links over land of said Willington—thence continuing over land of C. Willington S. 87° E. 3 rods 15 links to stake No. 4—widening on the southerly side at the westerly end 32 & at the easterly end 34 links over land of said Willington—thence still over land of C. Willington S. 80° E. 4 rods 4 links to stake No. 5—widening on the southerly side at the westerly end 34 and at the easterly end 45 links over land of said Willington—thence continuing over land of said C. Willington S. 72 1/5° E. 3 rods 24 links to stake No. 6, widening on the southerly side at the westerly end 45 & at the easterly end 37 links on land of said Willington—thence still on land of said C. Willington S. 67⅓° E. 4 rods 20 links to stake No. 7 widening on the southerly side at the westerly end 37 & at the easterly end 38 links on land of said Willington—thence continuing on land of said Willington S. 66¼° E. 5 rods 24 links to stake No. 8, widening on the southerly side at the westerly end 38 & at the easterly end 39 links on land of said Willington—thence still on land of said Willington S. 58⅓° E. 3 rods & 20 links to stake No. 9, widening on the southerly side at the westerly end 39 & at the easterly end 54 links on land of said Willington, thence S. 48¾° E. 5 rods 12 links to stake No. 10, widening on the southerly side on the westerly end 54 & at the easterly end 43 links over land of said Willington—thence S. 43 5/6° E. 4 rods 20 links to stake No. 11, widening on the southerly side at the westerly end 43 & at the easterly end 25 links on land of said Willington—thence S. 47¼° E. 5 rods to stake No. 12 & to the southerly side of said old highway, widening on the southerly side at the westerly end 25 links and running to a point at the easterly end over land of said Willington; and on the northerly side of said highway the widening at the easterly end is 12 links wide and running to a point at the distance of 2 rods 15 links westerly from said stake No. 12 over land of Darius Rice—thence over the southerly side of said old highway S. 54½° E. 5 rods 9 links to stake No. 13, widening on the northerly side at the westerly end 12 & at the easterly end 21 links over land of said Rice—thence continuing on the southerly side of said old highway S. 66¾° E. 7 rods & 22 links to stake No. 14 widening on the northerly side at the westerly end 21 & at the easterly end 19 links over land of said Rice—thence continuing still over the southerly side of said old highway S. 71¼° E. 6 rods & 12 links to stake No. 15 and to the westerly termination of the new County road on the southerly side thereof widening on the northerly side of said highway at the westerly end 19 & at the easterly end 6 links over land of said Darius Rice—The width of said highway as originally laid out is

unknown to the Commissioners, but is now to meet the views and wants of the public, laid out and located anew of the width of the widenings before described including the entire width of said old highway as now fenced and occupied by the public throughout its whole extent on the northerly and easterly side of the metes and bounds before described and adjoining the same.

We the subscribers, Assessors of the town of Worcester for the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty nine hereby certify that in assessing any School District Tax this year we shall assess all non resident property in the District where the same may be respectively situated with the following exceptions, viz.

All the property of Cyrus Gale of Northborough will be assessed in case of a tax in School District No. 11.

All the property of the Norwich Rail Road Corporation and all the property now assessed to the Quinsigamond Paper Mills Company in the town valuation will be assessed for the School Tax in District No. one.

Worcester June 1st 1839 — Fred. Wm. Paine, Nathaniel Brooks, Tho. Chamberlain } Assesors of the town of Worcester.

To the Town Clerk of Worcester.

A Copy · Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, holden, in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall on Monday, this eleventh day of November, A. D. 1839, being the second Monday in said month, at 9 o'clock A. M. John W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen presiding, all of said Board being present, the following votes were cast, viz.

For Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was Eleven hundred and sixteen.

Edward Everett had six hundred and seventy two.
Marcus Morton " four hundred and forty one.
William Jackson " One Abbott Lawrence had two.

For Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was eleven hundred and sixteen.

George Hull had six hundred and seventy one.
Nathan Willis " four hundred and forty.
Amasa Walker " four. George Ashmun had one.

For Senators and Counsellors.

Whole number of Ballots was eleven hundred and thirteen.

James G. Carter had Six hundred and one.
Thomas Kinnicutt " five hundred and ninety six.
Artemas Lee " Six hundred and one.
James Allen " Six hundred and two.
Charles C. P. Hastings " five hundred and eighty seven.
Samuel Wood " Six hundred fifty eight. [four
Pliny Merrick " thirteen. Amory Holman had Seventy
Seneca Hills " Seventy. Otis Hayden had Seventy
Aaron Brooks Jr. " Seventy four. [three.
John Spurr " four hundred thirty.
Nathaniel Wood " four hundred thirty one.
Jedediah Marcy " four hundred thirty one.
Charles Sibley " four hundred twenty nine.
Benjamin Estabrook " four hundred thirty one.
James Estabrook " four hundred twenty seven.

Paul Whitney two, Joshua T. Everett two, George Allen one, Alfred D. Foster two, Charles Allen four, Thomas W. Ward one, Daniel Waldo one, James Draper one, Ira M. Barton one, Salem Towne three, Abiel Jaques one, Moses Plympton two, J. M. Fiske one, Emory Washburn one, Joseph Day one, Hollis Tidd one, Charles Russell one, Charles Hadwen one, John W. Lincoln one, Henry Wheeler one, Thomas H. Rice one.

For County Commissioners.

The whole number of Ballots was ten hundred and fifty two.

Nathan Heard had four hundred forty seven.
John W. Lincoln " one hundred seventy two.
Adam Harrington " four hundred eight.
Salem Towne " twenty one. Abiel Jaques four.

For Representatives to the General Court of this Com^{o}.

The whole number of Ballots was eleven hundred and eight.

Charles Allen had five hundred ninety nine.
Stephen Salisbury " five hundred ninety three.
William Lincoln " five hundred ninety two.
Nathan Heard " five hundred sixty eight.
John Wright " five hundred eighty four.
Lewis Chapin " five hundred eighty three.
Isaac Davis " four hundred thirty eight.
Pliny Merrick " four hundred thirty three.
Thomas Nichols " four hundred twenty seven.
Maturin L. Fisher " four hundred thirty three.
Samuel Banister " four hundred nineteen.
Samuel Stowell " four hundred twenty six.

Silas Brooks had eighty one, Ebenezer L. Barnard eighty one, John Flagg seventy five, Charles Blair seventy five, Edwin Conant eighty six, Jubal Boyden seventy two, William Barber one, Francis Thaxter three, Charles Davis one, Thomas W. Butterfield one, Albert Curtis two, Samuel Banister eight, George T. Rice one, Samuel D. Spurr one, Landsford Wood one, Alfred D. Foster two, Emory Washburn one, Amos W. Stockwell one, Elihu Burritt one, Thomas H. Rice one, Thomas Kinnicutt one, Samuel Wood one, James Allen one, Theophilus Wheeler one, Edward Earle one, Frederic W. Paine one, George Bowen one.

The votes having been given in, assorted, counted and recorded, as on this and the two preceding pages, declaration thereof was made by J. W. Lincoln, and returns according to Law, were made out and sealed up, in open town meeting.

It having been voted at the opening of the meeting to choose Six persons to represent the town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth, the votes having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as above written, it appeared that the whole number of Ballots was 1,108. Necessary to a choice 555.

Charles Allen had 599, Stephen Salisbury 593, William Lincoln 592, Nathan Heard 568, John Wright 584, Lewis Chapin 583. and they were therefore chosen.

Voted to proceed to the choice of a moderator. John W. Lincoln was chosen.

Voted, that, when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to the first Monday of December next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Voted, that this meeting be now adjourned.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Monday Decr. 2. At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on this second day of December A. D. 1839 at 2 o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the eleventh day of November last, J. W. Lincoln Esq. in the Chair, the 6th Article was taken up and it was voted

Voted, that the subject matter thereof [petition of Stephen Salisbury and others for a suction engine in place of No. 5 stationed in Goddard's Row] be refered to a Committee, composed of the Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department.

Article 7. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [petition of Samuel B. Thomas for compensation for injury to his land by raising a heavy embankment on the road west of Stephen Salisbury's house] be refered to a Committee of three to be chosen by nomination and John Flagg, Nathan Heard & Silas Brooks were chosen.

Article 8. Voted, that those persons belonging to the Fire Department, who paid their Poll Tax in the year 1838, be authorized to call upon the Town Treasurer, and receive back such portion of said Poll Tax as the Law gives Enginemen &c.

Article 9. Voted, that the Town sanction the doings of the Overseers of the Poor in making a contract for the purchase of Wood for the use of the Poor establishment.

Article 10. Voted, that the sum of One hundred and Fifty Dollars, be granted to School District No. 7 to "aid them in removing, repairing and enlarging their School House."

Voted, that the sum of Fifty Dollars be added to the above grant, making the sum of $200.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, on this second day of March A. D. 1840, the following proceedings were had; to wit.

John W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (a majority of the Board being present) called the meeting to order, when he read the Warrant for calling the meeting and also the Warrant for electing a County Commissioner; after which he called for the votes for a County Commissioner to be brought in; which having been done, they were assorted, counted, and were for the following named persons, to wit:

For Adam Harrington, three hundred and twenty four.
" John W. Lincoln, two hundred and thirty six.
" Nathan Heard, three hundred and eight.
" Abiel Jaques one. Salem Towne fifteen.

Whole number of Ballots eight hundred and eighty four.

The votes having been given in, assorted, counted and recorded as above, declaration thereof was made by J. W. Lincoln, and a return according to Law was made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

Article 2. Frederic W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 3. Charles A. Hamilton was unanimously chosen Town Clerk, and took the oath of office, before the Moderator in open meeting.

Voted to choose five Selectmen—Moderator directed upon one ballot & *Frederick Wm. Paine, *Lewis Chapin, *William A. Wheeler, *George T. Rice & *Albert Curtis were chosen.

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Voted, to choose three Assessors; and *Thomas Chamberlain, John W. Lincoln (declined) & *Cyrus Lovell were chosen.

Voted, that the Treasurer be the Collector of Taxes, and *Stephen Bartlett was chosen Treasurer & Collector.

Voted, to choose three Overseers of the Poor, and Alpheus Merrifield, John Jones & Ebenezer L. Barnard were chosen.

Voted, to choose Six Constables, and *George Hobbs, *John F. Clark, *Charles P. Bancroft, *Ivers Phillips, *Rufus Hastings & *William M. Bickford were chosen.

Voted to choose two more Constables, and *Leonard Pool & *William R. Wesson were chosen.

Voted, to choose one more Constable, and *Leonard W. Stowell was chosen.

Voted, that the town will not choose any Tithingmen.

Voted to choose one Field Driver in each School District: and No. 1 Harrison Bliss, 2 George W. Mower, 3 *Dwight Bartlett, 4 *Cyrus Darling, 5 *Samuel Perry, 6 *Daniel Flagg, 7 *Leonard White, 8 *George Goldthwait, 9 George Moor, 10 *Ezekiel Newton, 11 *Luther H. Goulding, 12 *Simeon A. Greenwood, were chosen.

Voted, to choose four more Field Drivers in District No. 1, and Clarendon Wheelock, *George W. Richardson, *Lyman F. March & Horace B. Claflin were chosen.

Voted to choose seven Surveyors of Lumber, who shall also be Surveyors of Clapboards and Shingles, and *Pliny Holbrook, *Alpheus Merrifield, *Walter R. Bigelow, *Lewis Bigelow, *Adolphus Morse, *Horatio N. Tower, & *Henry Goulding were chosen.

Article 3. Voted, to choose Five Fence Viewers, and *Thomas Nichols, *Israel Whitney, *Archibald Willard, *Wm. Whipple Patch, Horatio Phelps were chosen.

Voted, to choose three Clerks of the Market, and *Benjamin K. Conant, Frederick Warren, Harrison Bliss, were chosen.

Voted, to choose one Prudential School Committee man in each District. Voted, that District No. 1 be authorized to choose theirs—and in District No. 2 J. K. L. Pickford, 3 Pliny Holbrook, 4 Willard Earle, 5 Sewall Rice, 6 Seth Fisher, 7 Henry Prentice, 8 Joseph Heath, 9 Nahum Nixon, 10 Ezekiel Newton, 11 Benj[a]. N. Child, & 12 Silas Barber, were chosen.

Voted, to choose a Committee of three to settle with the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer & Collector: the Overseers of the

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Poor and the Engineers of the Fire Department; who shall also report an estimate of the amount of money to be raised to defray the expenses of the town the current year; and Silas Brooks, A. D. Foster & Isaac Davis were chosen.

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint a suitable number of persons as Surveyors and measurers of Wood and Bark.

Voted, not to choose any Sealer of Leather.

Voted to choose a Committee of twelve to report what amount shall be raised for the support of the Schools in the Town; and also what distribution shall be made of the money that may be appropriated for the support of Schools, the current year—said Committee to be nominated by the Chair & to be composed of one person from each School District; and Samuel M. Burnside, Charles Blair, Albert Curtis, Pitt Holmes, Samuel Perry, John Flagg, Henry Prentice, Walter Bigelow Jr., Cyrus Lovell, Benjamin Reed, Thos. Chamberlain & Horace Cheuery were chosen.

Voted, to postpone the choice of the School Committee untill the adjournment.

Article 4. The votes for a County Treasurer having been brought in, assorted and counted in open town meeting, it appeared that Anthony Chase had four hundred and thirty six votes; and that no other person was voted for.

Article 5. Voted that the Assessors receive the same compensation and perform the same duties as they did the last year.

Article 6. It having been already voted that the Treasurer be also Collector of Taxes it was Voted that he receive the same compensation for his services, as the Treasurer & Collector received last year; and that he make the same abatements to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within 30, 60 and 120 days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to him as was made last year.

Article 7. Voted, that the Collector have the same instructions as were given to the Collector the last year.

Article 8. The report of the Committee of Highway Surveyors of the last year was read by J. W. Lincoln. Voted that there be a Committee raised, consisting of two persons from each School District, to take into consideration the whole subject of Roads & Bridges, and report thereon at the adjournment; and if they shall report to have the Roads & Bridges repaired in the old manner they shall make a division of the town into suitably Highway Districts. A nominating committee consisting of Isaac Davis, John W. Lincoln, Thos. Chamberlain, Lewis Bigelow, John

Hammond, John Flagg and Joseph Curtis were then appointed; and, after a short absence from the Hall, they reported the following named persons as composing said Committee, having increased the number in District No. 1, and the report was accepted & is as follows, to wit:

No. 1 A. D. Foster, John Hammond, Lewis Bigelow & Joseph Lovell. 2 Charles Blair & Archibald Willard. 3 Uriah Stone & Joseph Curtis. 4 Pitt Holmes & Nath[l]. Brooks. 5 John W. Lincoln & Isaac Whitney. 6 John Flagg & Darius Rice. 7 Dan[l]. Harrington & Leonard Flagg. 8 Josiah Brittan & Eben[r]. L. Barnard. 9 Cyrus Lovell & Elijah Flagg. 10 Benj[a]. Read & Elijah Stow. 11 Tho[s]. Chamberlain & Tho[s]. Nichols. 12 Samuel Stowell & Silas Brooks.

Article 9. Selectmen's Report, and the Report of the Committee on Roads, were read by J. W. Lincoln. Voted that both Reports be printed for the use of the Inhabitants of the town; and also the report of the Overseers of the Poor (when they make one.)

Article 10. Voted that the town defray the same charges for Burials as they have done the past year.

Article 11. Voted, that the town cause the Lamps in the Centre School District to be lighted the current year.

Article 12. Voted that the town will take charge of, and defray the expenses of the Clocks of the 1st & 2d Parishes the current year.

Article 13. Voted that the town will cause a Bell to be rung at Noon and at 9 o'clock P. M. during the current year.

Article 14. Voted that the town do not suspend the operation of the Laws relating to the killing of certain kinds of Birds.

Article 15. Voted that the town will authorize the Prudential Committee of the several School Districts to contract with the Teachers of their respective Districts.

Article 16. The subject matter of this article [additional allowance to Enginemen] was refered to a Committee of five, to be nominated by the Chair, and Isaac Davis, Wm. A. Wheeler, Henry W. Miller, Lewis Bigelow & Edwin Conant were chosen.

Article 17. The subject matter of this article [to obtain reimbursement of money paid or to be paid for injuries sustained on the road near Grove Street Mill of Stephen Salisbury] was refered to a Committee of five, selected by nomination; and Charles Allen, Edwin Conant, Is. Davis, Silas Brooks & William Lincoln were chosen.

Article 18. The subject matter of this article [application of

John Lees and others that the south part of School District No. 3 embracing Leesville, be formed into a School District] was refered to a Committee of three, and Nath[l]. Brooks, Wm. N. Green & John W. Lincoln were chosen.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the fourth Monday of March current, being the 23d day, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The following named persons, have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to fill the offices designated; to wit:

Harrison Bliss, *Henry Wheeler, *William M. Bickford, Charles Boardman, Austin Gleason, *Archibald Willard, Pitt Holmes, *Adolphus Taft, *Elbridge G. Pratt, Benj[a]. Goddard 2d, Joseph Gilbert, *Pliny Holbrook, *Fred[k]. Cutting, to be measurers of Wood and Bark.

*John Bradley to be Pound Keeper.

*John Field to be Sealer of Weights, Measures and Charcoal Baskets.

Joseph Converse, Leonard W. Stowell, *Charles Bowen to be Weighers of Beef.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall, this 23d day of March A. D. 1840, by adjournment from the 2d instant, the following proceedings were had, to wit: Meeting was opened by F. W. Paine, Moderator.

Article 3. Prior to proceeding to make choice of a School Committee, it was voted to hear the report of the Committee chosen on the 2d instant to take into consideration the amount and the distribution of the School money—The report was read by S. M. Burnside, the Chairman and is in part as follows—"that the whole sum to be raised be $5,800,—that $1000 of this sum be appropriated for the support of the Latin School and $440 be distributed equally among the several Districts, except the Centre, giving $40 to each of the eleven districts; that the residue of $4,360 be divided among all the districts in proportion, as usual to their respective number of minors.

Voted to accept the Report.

Voted, that the School Committee for the current year, consist

*Sworn.

of nine persons—and that they be chosen by general ticket—the ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that A. D. Foster, (as Chairman) Rev. Mr. Hill, Rev. Mr. Smalley, Rev. Mr. Sweetser, Rev. Mr. Swaim, Thomas Kinnicutt, M. L. Fisher, Isaac Davis & William Lincoln were chosen.

Article 8. The report of the Committee having the subject [report of Highway Surveyors] under consideration was read but was not accepted.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen be requested to divide the town into suitable Highway Districts, and to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 9. The Committee chosen on the 2d inst. to settle with Board of Selectmen &c. &c. made a partial report which was read and accepted. They say "that they have examined the account which John W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen has kept with himself, in his official Capacity for two years past, and found the same correctly stated, vouched and cast, and a balance due to him amounting to two hundred thirty one dollars 57/100."

"They have also examined (although not directed by the vote of the town to do so) the accounts of the Road Committee for the two last years—The accounts are correctly stated, properly vouched and cast, and there is an expected balance, in the hands of the Committee, amounting to Fifty one dollars 52/100."

"They have also examined the accounts of William Greenleaf, as Treasurer and Collector of the town for three years. All his accounts are properly stated, vouched and cast, and there were in his hands, on the sixteenth instant, taxes uncollected amounting to Nineteen hundred twenty eight dollars 33/100."

"The accounts of the Overseers of the Poor, and the accounts of the Fire Department not being prepared for settlement, have not been examined by the Committee."

A special vote was passed in favor of adopting the closing suggestion of the Report, as a future rule of action which is as follows; viz. "That the town require all their Officers, having monies to account for, to make up their accounts to the fifteenth day of February, inclusive, in each year: and that they direct the assessors to examine all the accounts with the vouchers, at some time between the fifteenth day of February and the first Monday in March, and make a specific report to the town at the annual March meeting in regard to each account which they may examine."

Voted, that the Committee have leave to sit again & make further report.

Report of Assistant Engineers respecting purchasing a room for Engine Company No. 5 was read & it was voted that the consideration thereof be postponed to the adj^{t}.

Another report of the Assistant Engineers, on the subject of exchanging Fire Engine No. 5 for a Suction Engine, was read, wherein they give the opinion that the amount of money, which would be required to pay the difference in value of the exchanges, would be better expended by making "a Reservoir for water upon the height of land west of main street and supplying the same with a forcing Pump" &c. &c. It was voted that the subject be recommitted to the Committee, with instructions to make the surveys and estimates of the plan recommended.

Article 16. Is. Davis declined serving on the Committee chosen on the 2d inst. to take into consideration the subject of the article [allowance to Enginemen], and S. M. Burnside was chosen instead.

Article 17. Postponed to the adjournment, the Committee not being ready to report.

Article 18. Report of Committee read and accepted ; and is, in part, as follows.

"The Committee would recommend that a new School District be formed of the southerly part of School District No. 3—The new District to be numbered 13 and to be bounded as follows :— Beginning at the monument on the town line, at the corner of the towns of Leicester & Auburn, thence in a Northeasterly direction from said monument to an angle in the road passing the house of Uriah Stone, the said angle being 143 rods & 17½ links on said road northerly from line of the town of Auburn—thence from said angle northeasterly to the point of the road leading from Leesville to New Worcester, which is three miles from the Court House as appears by the map of the town drawn by Caleb Butler Esq.— thence easterly and on a parallel line with the line of the town of Auburn to the line of School District No. 4. to the line of the town of Auburn—thence on the line dividing the towns of Worcester & Auburn westerly to the point of beginning, being the monument between the towns of Worcester, Leicester and Auburn. The Committee would not fully discharge their duty to the town did they omit to report the very liberal proposition of the proprietor of the Leesville Factory, (Saml. Daman Esq. of Holden) that he would furnish free of charge to the town a suitable room for the use of the School in the proposed new District for the term of four years—the room intended for this use is centrally located and convenient for the purpose proposed."

Voted, that when this meeting adjourn, that it adjourn to Monday the 6th day of April next, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned accordingly. C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall, on Monday this twenty third day of March A. D. 1840, pursuant to the Warrant recorded on pages 54 & 55 [MS. book], the following proceedings were had to wit: The Clerk called upon the legal voters present to bring in their Ballots for a Moderator; which having been done, and the Ballots assorted and counted, it appeared that Fred^k. Wm. Paine was chosen.

Article 2. The consideration of the subject of the article [money for town expenses for the year] postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 3. The subject refered to the Board of Selectmen, with power to allow the account presented, if it ought in equity to be allowed. The acc^o. presented, was in favor of John F. Clark and of several years standing, embracing charges for the support of sundry persons in the House of Correction &c. &c.

Article 4. The subject matter of this article [in regard to the construction of a drain "from Main Street down the street by the American Temperance House so as to convey the water down that street, which now is obliged to flow past that street and Mechanic Street round the corner of the United States Hotel."] was refered to the Board of Selectmen, with instructions to report thereon at the adj^t.

Voted, that when this meeting shall adjourn, that it adjourn to Monday the sixth day of April next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned accordingly. C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants held at the Town Hall in Worcester, on this sixth day of April A. D. 1840, (being the first Monday in said month) at two o'clock P. M. the following proceedings were had:

The meeting was opened by F. W. Paine, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, (the whole Board being present) who called upon the legal voters to bring in their Ballots for a County Commissioner, and also, their Yea or Nay in regard to the proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth: the ballots having been brought in, assorted and Counted, were as follows, to wit:

For a County Commissioner.

Nathan Heard had One hundred and twenty eight.
Adam Harrington had One hundred and sixty five.
John W. Lincoln had Twenty six.
Thomas Chamberlain had one.
Benjamin Davenport one. Salem Towne two.
Whole number of Ballots, Three hundred & twenty three.

On the proposed article of Amendment to the Constitution, Yeas three, and Nays Seventeen.

The votes having been recorded as above, returns were made out according to Law, and sealed up in open town meeting.

Article 1. F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 2. The Board of Selectmen reported a list of the names of persons suitable for Jurors, which was read & accepted & is as follows.

	Drawn?		Drawn?
Alven Allen	Dec. 7, 1840	Jason Collier	Jan. 19, 1842
Paine Aldrich	Dec. 7, 1840	Samuel H. Colton	
Silas Barber	Jan. 20, 1841	Joseph Curtis	
William Barber		Lewis Cutting	
Jonas Bartlett Jr.	Jany. 17/43	Samuel Daniels	
Jeremiah Bond	Dec. 7, 1841	Enos Dorr	
Joseph Boyden		William A. Draper	Augt. 30, 1842
Ebenezer H. Bowen	June 22/41	Edward Earle	
Anson Braman	Mar. 2, 1841	William Eaton Jr.	
Nathaniel Brooks		Thomas B. Eaton	
William Brown	Mar. 7, 1843	Elihu Ellis	
Lewis Bigelow	Sept. 30, 1843	James Estabrook	Jan. 6, 1841
Benjamin Barber	June 16, 1840	John Flagg	
Ebenezer L. Barnard	Grand Juror	Elijah Flagg	
Lyman Bellows	[for 1841	Leonard Flagg	Augt. 30, 1842
John Bigelow		Calvin Foster	June 2/41
Walter Bigelow Jr.	Augt. 31, 1841	Joel B. Fuller	Decr. 6/42
Amos R. Black U. S. C.	Mar. 21/	James Green	June 21/42
Francis Blake	[43 Grand Juror	Robt. S. Gleason	
Charles Boardman	June 2/41	Harrison D. Goodnow	Mar. 15/42
Charles Bowen	Jan. 22/41	Brigham Goss	April 12, 1842
George Bowen	Mar. 2, 1841	William Greenleaf	
Josiah Brittan Jr.	Jan. 6, 1841	Daniel Harrington	
John H. Brooks		Charles Hadwin	
Lewis Chapin U. S. C.	Mar. 21/43	Jonas Hartshorn	Sept. 28/42
John Coe	Mar. 15/43	Nathan Heard	Grand Juror for 1843
Moses Clements	May 4, 1840		

	Drawn?		Drawn?
Joseph Converse		Edward H. Hemenway	Dec.28/42
James Campbell	Apr. 12, 1842	John Pratt	
Henry H. Chamberlin	Apr.25/42	Samuel Putnam	
Henry Heywood	June 16, 1840	George T. Rice	
Pitt Holmes		Samuel D. Spurr	April 13, 1841
Dexter H. Perry		Samuel Stowell	
Horatio Phelps	Mar. 8, 1841	Benjamin P. Rice	
John Hammond	Mar. 8, 1842	Darius Rice	
George W. Johnson	Mar.8, 1842	Draper Ruggles	
John P. Kettell	Mar. 21, 1842	Hezekiah Sabin Jr.	
Timothy Keith	June 1, 1842	John Simmons	March 7, 1843
Francis H. Kinnicutt		John P. Southgate	
Silas Knight U. S. C.	Mar. 21/43	Grand Juror	
Ansel Lakin	June 22/41	Moses Spooner	Sept. 28, 1842
William Leggate U. S. C.	Mar. 21/43		
John Lees	Augt. 4, 1840	John Sutton	
John W. Lincoln	May 27, 1840	Putnam W. Taft	Aug. 4, 1840
Cyrus Lovell	Decr. 6, 42	Nathaniel Tead	Jany 23, 1843
John Mann		Francis Thaxter	June 21/42
Francis T. Merrick	Jan.19,1842	Lewis Thayer	
William G. Moore	May 27,1840	Joshua B. Tyler	April 13, 1841
NathanielC.Moore	May10,1841	Alvin Wait	Jan. 19, 1842
Ephram Mower		Artemas Ward 2d	
Ashley Moore		Ichabod Washburn	Sept. 29.1841
Mason H. Morse	Mar. 21, 1842	Henry Wheeler	Dead
Jonathan Nelson	April 25, 1842	Amos Wood	
Henry K. Newcomb		Luke B. Witherby	Aug. 31, 1841
Thomas Nichols	Sept. 30, 1840		
Fred. Wm. Paine	Jan. 20, 1841		
Wm. Whipple Patch	Decr. 7, 1841		
Charles Paine	Sept. 1, 1840		
Joseph Pratt			
Elbridge G. Partridge	Jany 23, 1843		
Moses D. Phillips	June 1, 1842		
Leonard Poole	Sept. 29, 1841		

The foregoing dates are the times of the sitting of the respective Courts which the Jurors were drawn to attend

Article 3. Nathan Heard, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department read his report, accompanied by the report of the Assistant Engineers, which were read & accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

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At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday, this sixth day of April, by adjournment from the 2d day of March last, to the 23d day of said March; and from said 23d day of March to this time, the following proceedings were had; to wit.

Article 3. John W. Lincoln declined serving as an Assessor, and Fred. Wm. Paine was chosen to fill the vacancy.

There having been a new School District created at the last meeting of the town, John Lees was chosen Prudential School Committeeman for the District.

Voted to choose a Committee of seven to take into consideration the subject of the money received, and to be received from the State, for the benefit of the Schools, and to report thereon at some future meeting of the town and Samuel M. Burnside, A. D. Foster, Thos. Chamberlain, Charles Blair, Is. Davis, Wm. E. Green & John W. Lincoln were chosen.

Article 8. The Board of Selectmen having been instructed to divide the town into suitable Highway Districts, made a report, dividing the town into twelve Highway Districts, which was accepted. Voted that the tax for the support of the Roads & Bridges in the town the current year, be a money tax, and that said Roads & Bridges be repaired by twelve Highway Surveyors, to [be] chosen for the several districts as reported by the Selectmen.

A nominating Committee, consisting of twenty four, was chosen who reported the following named persons, who were thereupon duly elected; viz. District No. 1 *John W. Lincoln, 2 *Benjamin Flagg, 3 *Lewis Cutting, 4 *Lewis Chapin, 5 *Loring F. Perry, 6 *Darius Rice, 7 *Daniel Harrington, 8 *Ebenezer L. Barnard, 9 *Jabez Rice, 10 *Elijah Stow, 11 *Thomas Nichols, 12 *William Barber.

Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to dispose of the property of the town, which has been used in the repairing the roads, in such manner as they shall deem most advisable for the interest of the town.

Article 9. S. M. Burnside read the report of the School Committee for the last year, which was accepted, and ordered to be taken into a new draft, and to be printed with the other reports.

The report of the Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department which was made at the last meeting respecting purchasing a room for Engine Company No. 5, was read, and the subject indefinitely postponed.

*Sworn.

Another report of the Assistant Engineers, made at the last meeting, respecting Engine No. 5 and a Reservoir, was read, but no estimate of expense had been made, and the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Overseers of the [Poor] and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, made a further report, in which they say "that it appears from the account of the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, that the amount of money received by them from various sources was $2,205,24—the amount of payments $2,178,75 which were sufficiently vouched —the balance on hand to be accounted for $26,49—the accounts outstanding, due and unpaid $1,062,67—showing the actual expense of the town for the support of Paupers during the past year to be $3,241,42" "The account kept by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shews the receipts of that Department to have been $354,43—the payments to have been $349,07" Voted that the Report be accepted.

Article 16. S. M. Burnside read the Report of the Committee, in which they recommend, "that the town do revoke their approval of the 19th, 20th and 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, as expressed in former votes, and, that the sum of five dollars be allowed and paid to each member of the Fire Department, in addition to his poll tax, as provided for in said Statute, in full for his services during the current year."

It was moved, by B. F. Thomas, "that the Report be not accepted"; which motion was put, and decided in the negative.

Article 17. The Chairman of the Committee, having the subject matter of the article before them, not being present, it was voted, that the Committee be instructed to report at some future meeting of the town.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the town Hall, on Monday this sixth day of April A. D. 1840 by adjournment from the 23d day of March, last, the following proceedings were had; to wit, under

Article 2d. The Committee to whom the subject was refered, made a Report, which was read, and amended, by adding to the sum reported for Schools $1,300, and for paying the members of the Fire Department for their Services, the sum of 1,038,,75 and after being amended, is as follows; to wit—

Roads and Bridges	$2,500	Clocks	50
Assessors	200	Schools 5,300	
Treasurer & Collector	250	Contingent ex. 500	5,800
Chairman of Selectmen	100	Support of the Poor	2,500
" Overseers of the Poor	50	Contingent expenses	600
Interest on Town debt	450	New Roads	1,200
Discount & Abatement		School District No 7	200
of Taxes	1,000	Fire Department	300
Lighting Lamps	500	For paying the members	
Ringing Bells	40	of the Fire Department	1,038,,75
Funerals	180		
			$16,958,,75

Voted the report, as above amended, be accepted; and that the sum of Sixteen thousand, nine hundred and fifty eight dollars and seventy five cents be assessed upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such property, within the town, of non-resident proprietors, as is liable to taxation.

Article 4. The Selectmen made a report on the subject of a Drain, recommending "that the subject be indefinitely postponed," which was accepted.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town holden at the Town Hall, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, on this twenty second day of May A. D. 1840, at 3 o'clock P. M. the following proceedings were had; to wit:—

Article 1st. Fred[k]. Wm. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 2d. Voted that the town pay to each of those persons who are, or shall forthwith become members of the Fire Department, one dollar & twenty five cents (in addition to the sums already voted to be paid them,) for the faithful discharge of all their duties, during the current year of their appointment.

Article 3d. [To see what sum (if any) shall be appropriated for a more complete organization of the Fire Department,] Postponed untill the consideration of the 9th article.

Article 4th. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to fit up, in a suitable manner, the rooms in the west end of the Town House, in the second story and the attic, for "armories for such military companies as are or may be organized in the town."

Article 5th. The Selectmen reported in favor of laying out the road petitioned for, and filed said report in the Town Clerk's office on the 12th inst. which, having this day been read, was accepted, and is, in part, as follows; viz.

"And the said Horatio Gates, Moses Clements and Jonathan Lyon Jr. having agreed with the Selectmen to relieve the town from all claims for damages on account of the land over which said road should be located, and having further agreed with said Selectmen to build and construct said road when located together with all necessary sluice ways and bridges in a proper manner to the acceptance of the Selectmen of Worcester, for the sum of two hundred and Twenty five Dollars, the Selectmen did on the seventh day of May instant, lay out the said road as follows—Beginning at the westerly corner on the Patch road of a private way laid out by the town March 1, 1757 [See pages 38–39, Vol. IV. Collections of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.], thence S. 39 W. 5 Chains 64 links following the westerly line of said private way nearly on the land of Mrs. Briggs to a stake and stones at the easterly line of land of said Horatio Gates—for this distance the location is partly over land of Mrs. Briggs and partly over the said private way—thence South 44½ W. 3 chains 56 links to a stake and stones—thence S. 48 west 3 chains to a stake & stones—thence S. 28 W. 1 Chain to a stake & stone—thence South 15 W. 2 chains to an apple tree marked—thence S. 7½ W. 3 chains 39 links to an Elm tree marked—thence S. 30½ W. 1 chain 79 links passing between the house and barn of said Gates to a large Elm tree marked thence S. 39 W. 6 chains 37 links to a stake and stones—thence S. 23½ W. 2 chains 19 links to a stake and stones —thence S. 12 W. 3 chains to an Elm tree marked, at a Brook at the easterly line of Jonathan Lyon Jr.'s land—All the before named distances except the first one over land of H. Gates—Thence due south 6 chains 17 links over said Lyon's land to a stake and stones—thence S. 4 West 7 chains 60 links to a stake and stones—thence S. 14 West 59 links to land of Moses Clements at the boundary line between the lands of said Gates & said Lyon—the two last distances are partly on land of said Gates and partly on land of said Lyon—thence in same direction over land of Moses Clements 2 chains 61 links to a stake and stones—thence S. 1 W. 2 chains 25 links to a stake & stones—thence S. 11 W. 1 chain 50 links to a stake marked near the northeast corner of said Clements Machine Shop—thence S. 26 W. 2 chains 75 links crossing the Raceway of said shop to the southerly bank of the Brook, thence in the same course 1 chain 60 links to a stake & stones—thence S. 40½ W. 9 chains to a stake & stones on the

easterly side of the Tatnuck road—the six last distances are over land of Moses Clements—the whole distance being two hundred and sixty four rods, and the said road being laid out two and a half rods wide southerly & westwardly of the above described line." [Since called Lovell Street.]

Article 6th. The Selectmen reported in favor of laying out the Street petitioned for, and filed said report in the Town Clerk's office on the 12th inst. which having this day been read and accepted is in part as follows, to wit—"It was considered that the interests of the town would be promoted by the location of a Town Road as follows,—Beginning at the northeast corner of Cross Street at a post on the division line between the land of A. Bigelow & Silas Bailey—thence N. 17¾ E. 12 rods 3 links to a stake and stones at the south edge of the Rail Road Bridge thence N. 43½ E. 1 rod 16½ links passing under said Bridge to a stake & stones at the north edge of said Bridge—thence N. 69¾ E. 5 rods 10½ links to a stake and stones on the east side of the Blackstone Canal—thence N. 89¾ E. 14 rods 14½ links to Summer Street—thence northerly on Summer Street Thirty feet which is the width of the road at this place—thence from Summer Street S 89¾ West 14½ rods to a post standing on the east side of the Canal at the distance of 9⅓ feet south of a house of Alph. Merrifield—thence crossing the Canal S. 79½ W. 7 rods 12 links to the north corner of the west abutment of the Rail Road Bridge —thence passing under said Bridge S. 15¾ W. 13 rods 2 links to the east side of Mechanic Street—thence to the northwest corner of Cross Street—thence to the point of starting—the said road being laid out to cover all the space within the before described lines. See plan on file.

Article 7. Voted that the town pay to the Centre School District the amount paid by said District, (being $135,,50) for Insurance of the several School Houses in said District against fire, without interest, and also, that the Selectmen procure the Insurance, against fire, of all the other School Houses in the town, at the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Article 8. On a motion of Emory Washburn, Esq. it was voted "that the Petition of Phinehas W. Wait (and others) for the discontinuance of a road be granted on condition that the town be saved harmless from expense or cost occasioned by such discontinuance, in such manner as may be satisfactory to the Selectmen."

Article 9. Voted, that the sum of one thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars be raised by assessment upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town and upon such estates, within

the town, of non residents, as are liable to taxation, to be applied for the following named purposes, to wit:

New road mentioned in article No. 5	$225—
For pay of Fire Department (additional)	775—
" Insurance of School Houses	200—
" Fitting up rooms for Armories	100—
" rent of room over Engine No. 5.	50—
	$1,350—

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester ss. Worcester May 1, 1840. Then personally appeared Frederic W. Paine, Thomas Chamberlain and Cyrus Lovell, Assessors of said town of Worcester, and severally made oath, that in taking the Census of the Inhabitants of the said town of Worcester, they would faithfully discharge said duty, according to the best of their ability. Before me.

Abijah Bigelow, Justice of the Peace.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. June 23, 1840. Then personally appeared before me, the abovenamed Thomas Chamberlain & Cyrus Lovell, and on the 24th day of said June, the abovenamed F. W. Paine appeared, and they severally made oath as follows; . . that having been chosen Assessors for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty; they would faithfully and impartially according to their best skill and judgment, do and perform the whole duty of an assessor, as directed and enjoined by an act of this Commonwealth, made in the present year, entitled "an act to ascertain the rateable estate within this Commonwealth," without fear or prejudice. C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town holden at the Town Hall this eighteenth day of August A. D. 1840 at five o'Clock P. M. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, Fred^{k}. W^{m}. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Art. 1. Voted, unanimously, that the Selectmen be authorized "to oppose the laying out of a new road between the Millbury Line and the Town Hall as petitioned for by Clough R. Miles & others."

Article 2. Voted, that the Town do authorize the Selectmen, for the time being, to oppose the laying out of any new road in the town, which may hereafter be petitioned for, whenever the interest of the town, in their opinion, requires it.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

"In the 13th article of the amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, it is provided that the Governor and Council shall apportion the number of Senators to which each Senatorial District may be entitled, and the number of Representatives to which each City and Town may be entitled, agreeably to principles established in said article of Amendment:"

In accordance with said provision, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, made known by his Proclamation, dated July 23, 1840, that the District of Worcester, is entitled, for the ensuing ten years, to five Senators:—and that the Town of Worcester is entitled, to three Representatives, every year, for the ensuing ten years.

We the Subscribers, by direction of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and Leicester, met this day for the purpose of perambulating the line between said towns, at a stone monument at the southwest corner of said Worcester, being on the line of the town of Auburn and proceeded thence to a large Oak tree marked —thence to a chestnut tree marked in the road near the house of Abel Green—thence to a heap of stones in land of Amos Howard —thence to a stone monument at the corner of the town of Paxton—and we find said monuments in good condition; of which proceeding we have signed duplicate (certificates or) returns.

	Tho. Chamberlain Lewis Chapin	} In behalf of the Town of Worcester
Sept. 24, 1840.	Hiram Knight John Woodcock	} In behalf of the Town of Leicester

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The undersigned, by direction of Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and Auburn, for the purpose of perambulating the line between said towns met this day at a stone monument by the side of a White Oak Tree, at the southeast corner of Auburn and proceeded thence to a stone monument by a wall in land of Wm. Goss—thence to a stone monument in the road westerly of sd

Goss' house—thence to a like monument in land now, or late the property of the heirs of Henry Patch—thence to a heap of stones in pasture near the house of Samuel Hardy thence to a stone monument at the southeast corner of the town of Leicester and southwest corner of Worcester—And we find said monuments in good condition—of which perambulation we have signed duplicate returns.

Lewis Chapin } In behalf of the
Tho. Chamberlain } Town of Worcester

Sept. 24, 1840

Harvey Bancroft } In behalf of the
Stephen Sibley } Town of Auburn

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

By direction of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and Millbury the undersigned met this day, for the purpose of Perambulating the line between said towns, at a stone monument in land of George A. Trumbull, being on the line of the town of Grafton and proceeded thence on said first mentioned line to a stone monument by the side of a wall—thence to a large rock with stones on it thence to a heap of stones in Woodwards pasture—thence to a stone fixed in the wall of Moses Park—thence to a stone monument by the side of a White Oak tree at a corner of the town of Auburn—And we report said monuments to be in good condition :—of which perambulation we have signed duplicate returns.

Lewis Chapin } In behalf of the
Tho. Chamberlain } Town of Worcester

Sept. 23d, 1840.

Aaron Trask } In behalf of the
Simon Dudley } Town of Millbury

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

By direction of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and Shrewsbury the Subscribers met this day, for the purpose of perambulating the line between said towns at a stone monument near the house of Cyrus Lovell, being a corner of the town of West-Boylston and proceeded thence on said line to a stone monument on the bank and near the head of Long Pond—thence to a stone monument on the west bank of said Pond in land of William Eaton Jr.—thence to a stone monument in land of Rufus Wesson—thence to a similar monument on the margin of "Flint's Pond"—said line extending some distance into said Pond on the same course as that last named untill it strikes the corner of Grafton—

And all the aforesaid monuments are in good condition, of which proceedure we have signed duplicates.

Tho. Chamberlain } In behalf of the
Lewis Chapin } Town of Worcester

Sept. 23d, 1840 Daniel Heywood } In behalf of the
Abner Harlow } Town of Shrewsbury

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The undersigned, by direction of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester and West-Boylston for the purpose of perambulating the line between said towns, met, this day, at the southwest corner of said West Boylston, being a stone monument by the side of an apple tree in the corner of the town of Holden, and proceeded thence on said line to a stone monument by the side of the road at a white oak tree marked—thence to a stone monument by the side of the old road leading to West Boylston—thence to a heap of stones in a wood—thence to a stone monument in Cyrus Lovell's orchard—thence to a stone monument at the corner of the town of Shrewsbury—and we report said monuments to be in good condition—of which proceeding we have signed duplicate returns.

Tho. Chamberlain } In behalf of the
Sept. 22, 1840 Lewis Chapin } Town of Worcester

Joseph White } In behalf of the
Levi Pierce } Town of West Boylston

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The undersigned by direction of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester & Holden for the purpose of perambulating the lines between said towns, met this day at the stone monument at the southwesterly corner of Holden and a corner of Paxton and proceeded thence on said town line to a stone monument by the side of the road near the house of Jon^{a}. Moore thence to an elm tree in the "Noyes pasture" thence to a stone monument in the road near the house of Alex. H. Seaver thence to a large rock with stones upon it, by land late of Benj^{a}. Read, thence to a stone monument in the road by land of William Drury thence to a large chestnut tree, by land of George Moore, thence to a stone monument by the side of an apple tree, being also a corner of the town of West Boylston, and we report the aforesaid monuments to be

in good condition—of which proceeding we have signed duplicates.

Lewis Chapin } In behalf of the
Tho. Chamberlain } Town of Worcester

Sept. 22, 1840 Sam[l]. D. Greenwood } In behalf of the
George Flagg } Town of Holden

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The undersigned by direction of the Selectmen of the towns of Worcester & Paxton met this day for the purpose of perambulating the line between said towns—at a stone monument being the northwesterly corner of said Worcester and being a corner of said Paxton on the line of the town of Leicester and proceeded thence on the line of said towns of Worcester & Paxton being a direct line to the southwesterly corner of the town of Holden where we found a stone monument with the initials of the several towns above named cut on the same—and the several monuments were in good condition—of which doings we have signed duplicates.

Lewis Chapin } In behalf of the
Tho. Chamberlain } Town of Worcester

Sept. 22d, 1840. Tyler Goddard } In behalf of the
Isaac Bellows } Town of Paxton

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester Oct[o]. 16, 1840.

Mr. Francis Thaxter is hereby appointed Measurer of Wood and Bark in the town of Worcester.

By order of the Selectmen of Worcester,

To Charles A. Hamilton Esq. } F. W. Paine, Chairman.
Town Clerk of Worcester. }

Mr. Thaxter took the oath of office before me Oct. 19, 1840.

C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, qualified to vote in Elections of Officers and town affairs, holden in pursuance of the Warrant recorded on pages 76 & 77 [original record], at the Town Hall, on Monday this ninth day of November A. D. 1840, being the second Monday in said month of November, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, Fred. Wm. Paine, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding, the whole of said Board being present, the following votes were cast, to wit:

For Governor.

the whole number of Ballots was twelve hundred & seventy nine.

John Davis had eight hundred & seventy four.
Marcus Morton had three hundred & ninety six.
George Washington Johnson had eight.
Wendall Phillips had one.

For Lieutenant Governor.

the whole number of Ballots was twelve hundred and seventy nine.

George Hull had eight hundred and seventy eight.
Nathan Willis had three hundred & ninety one.
Abel Bliss had eight. William Jackson had one.
George Greene had one.

For Senators and Counsellors.

the whole number of Ballots was twelve hundred & seventy five.

Samuel Wood had eight hundred & seventy.
Charles C. P. Hastings " eight hundred & sixty five.
Emory Washburn " eight hundred & seventy six.
James Allen " eight hundred & seventy six.
Amory Holman " eight hundred & fifty seven.
John Spurr " three hundred & eighty eight.
Benjamin Estabrook " three hundred & eighty eight.
Aaron S Gibbs " three hundred & eighty eight.
Adam Harrington " three hundred & eighty eight.
Arial Bragg " three hundred & eighty eight.
Edward Earle had ten James Carter had one.
Isaac R. Barbour had nine J. G. Carter had five.
Asaph Rice had nine Jonathan Brooks had two.
Cyrus Pitt Grosvenor had nine Oliver Barrett had two.
Joshua Titus Everett had nine Samuel Flagg one.
Joseph Ditson had one George Allen one.
J. Washburn had one Salem Towne one.
Alfred D. Foster had two James Whiting one.
Charles Allen, two Israel Peabody one Leonard Tracy one.

For a Representative in Congress of U. S. for District No. 5.

the whole number of Ballots was twelve hundred and fifty seven.

Isaac Davis had three hundred and seventy four.
Levi Lincoln " eight hundred and sixty two.
George Allen " fifteen Charles Allen had three.
Joseph White " one Elam Smalley one.
J. S. C. Knowlton " one.

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. the whole number of Ballots was twelve hundred and seventy one.

For Electors at Large.

Isaac C. Bates	had eight hundred and eighty five.		
Peleg Sprague	" eight hundred and eighty five.		
William P. Walker	" Three hundred and seventy.		
Ebenezer Fisher	" Three hundred and seventy.		
Jesse Wheaton	" Fourteen	Wendall Phillips had one.	
Sylvester Judd	" Fourteen	W. L. Garrison	" one.
Seth Sprague	" one	William Jackson	" one.

For Electors in Districts.

No. 1.	Richard Houghton	had eight hundred & eighty five.	
" "	Caleb Eddy	" Three hundred & seventy.	
" "	John E. Fuller	" thirteen.	
" "	William Jackson	" one	Henry C. Chapman one.
No. 2.	Stephen C. Phillips	" eight hundred & eighty five.	
" "	Robert Upton	" Three hundred & seventy.	
" "	Ebenezer Hunt	" Fourteen.	
" "	James Lyon	" one	William B. Dodge one.
No. 3.	Rufus Longley	" Eight hundred & eighty five.	
" "	Nathaniel Stevens	" Three hundred & seventy.	
" "	George Coggeswell	" fourteen.	
" "	Frederic Haven	" one	Ezekiel Hale one.
No. 4.	Sidney Willard	" Eight hundred & eighty five.	
" "	Timothy Thompson	" Three hundred & seventy.	
" "	James T. Woodbury	" fourteen.	
" "	Walter Davis	" one	Calvin Temple one.
No. 5.	Ira M. Barton	" Eight hundred & eighty five.	
" "	Samuel D. Spurr	" Three hundred & seventy.	
" "	Thomas W. Ward	" fourteen.	
" "	Charles Davis	" one	James Dean one.
No. 6.	George Grennell Jr.	" Eight hundred & eighty five.	
" "	Caleb Hubbard	" Three hundred & seventy.	
" "	Joel Hayden	" fourteen.	
" "	Samuel Wilson	" one	James Dean one.
No. 7.	Thaddeus Pomroy	" Eight hundred & eighty five.	
" "	John Leland	" Three hundred & seventy.	
" "	George W. Sterling	" fourteen.	
" "	John Maynard	" one	Noah Barnes one.
No. 8.	Samuel Mixter	" Eight hundred & eighty five.	
" "	James Fowler	" Three hundred & seventy.	
" "	Ch[a]. Starkweather	" fourteen.	
" "	Rufus Waters	" one	J. H. Dunham one.

No. 9.	Thomas French	had	Eight hundred & eighty five.
" "	Artemas Brown	"	Three hundred & seventy.
" "	Bucklin Fitz	"	fourteen.
" "	Abel Wythe	"	one Cyrus Allen one.
No. 10.	Wilkes Wood	"	Eight hundred & eighty five.
" "	Nathan C. Brownell	"	Three hundred & seventy.
" "	Benjamin Burt	"	fourteen.
" "	Levi Earle	"	one William Tates one.
No. 11.	Joseph Tripp	"	Eight hundred & eighty five.
" "	Thomas Mandell	"	Three hundred & seventy.
" "	Zenas D. Bassett	"	fourteen.
" "	Sylvester Ford	"	one Rodney French one.
No. 12.	John B. Thomas	"	Eight hundred & eighty five.
" "	Jesse Pierce	"	Three hundred & seventy.
" "	Azel Ames	"	fourteen.
" "	Charles Fisk	"	one Loring W. Reed one.

The votes having been given in, assorted, counted and recorded as on the two preceeding pages, declaration thereof was made, and returns, according to Law, were made out and sealed up, in open town meeting.

It having been voted at the opening of the meeting to choose Three persons to represent the town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth, the votes, having been brought in, assorted and counted, for the following named persons, to wit:

Thomas Kinnicutt	had	eight hundred & sixty three.
William Lincoln	"	eight hundred & sixty two.
Lewis Chapin	"	eight hundred & sixty nine.
Pliny Merrick	"	three hundred & seventy one.
Thomas Nichols	"	three hundred & seventy three.
James S. Woodworth	"	three hundred & seventy four.

Walter Bemis one—Stephen Salisbury one—Albert Tolman one—Benj[a]. F. Thomas one—Edwin Conant one—Silas Brooks one—George M. Rice one—Charles Davis two—Francis Wood one—William Southack one—William A. Draper one—Charles Bowen one—James Woodworth one.

The whole number of Ballots, was 1252
Necessary to a choice 627

Thomas Kinnicutt had 863 William Lincoln had 862
Lewis Chapin had 869 and were chosen.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, in Worcester, on this first day of March A. D. 1841 at 9 o'clock A. M. the following described proceedings were had; viz.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk who then called upon the voters present to bring in their Ballots for a Moderator to preside at the meeting; which having been done, and the same assorted, it appeared that the whole number of Ballots was One hundred and fifty two, of which F. W. Paine had One hundred & fifty and was chosen; He then called for the Ballots for a Town Clerk; whereupon it was voted to take up at the same time the third & fourth articles of the Warrant; and that the candidates for the offices of Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Treasurer & Collector and Overseers of the Poor be voted for upon one Ballot, & the Ballots for Register of Deeds and a County Treasurer be received at the same time in two other Ballot Boxes—The Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted by the Moderator & Town Clerk, were found to be as follows:—to wit, for Town Clerk, Charles A. Hamilton, had four hundred & ninety four votes, and was unanimously chosen, and took the oath of office before the said Moderator, in open town meeting.

For Selectmen the whole number of Ballots was 482.

*F. W. Paine had 479 *Lewis Chapin 480 *Wm. A. Wheeler 478 *Albert Curtis 480 *Henry W. Miller 480. and they were chosen.

For Assessors, the whole number of Ballots was 493.

*F. W. Paine had 492 *Tho. Chamberlain 492 *Cyrus Lovell 492.

For Treasurer & Collector of taxes, the whole number of Ballots was 618.

Clarendon Harris had 1 John H. Knight 1 Wm. Greenleaf 160 *Stephen Bartlett 456 and he was chosen.

For Overseers of the Poor, the whole number of Ballots was 491

Alph^{s}. Merrifield had 491 Eben^{r}. L. Barnard 491 John Jones 491 and they were unanimously chosen.

For Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester, Artemas Ward, had three hundred and ninety seven, and no other person was voted for.

For County Treasurer, Anthony Chase had three hundred and eighty seven votes, and no other person was voted for.

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*Sworn.

Article 2. Voted to postpone the choice of the School Committee until the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, to choose 12 Surveyors of Highways and in District No. 1 *Artemas Ward 2d 2 *Benjamin Flagg 3 *William Ward 4 *Willard Earle 5 *Francis Grout 6 *Darius Rice 7 *Daniel Harrington 8 *Curtis Rice 9 *Jabez Rice 10 *Ezra Goddard 11 *Nath[l]. C. Moore 12 Robert Gleason.

Voted to choose Eleven Constables and the following persons were chosen. *William R. Wesson *John Clark *Ivers Phillips *Leonard W. Stowell *Harrison G. Howe *Charles P. Bancroft *Rufus Hastings *William Greenleaf *Charles Hersey *Parley Goddard *Asa Matthews

Voted, that the town will not choose any Tithingmen.

Voted to choose 5 Field Drivers in School District No. 1 and one Field Driver in each of the other Districts and in District No. 1 *George W. Gill *Charles Hovey *John Forbes Orrin Rawson *Julius L. Clarke 2 *Asa Gates 3 *John Metcalf 4 *Luther White 5 *Tim[o]. T. Burbank 6 Oliver W. Cook 7 *Isaac Putnam 8 *Perrin Bliss 9 *Luther G. Moore 10 *Jere[h]. Rogers 11 *David A. Paine 12 *Lewis H. Nye 13 *John F. Boice were chosen.

Voted to choose 5 Fence Viewers, and *Uriah Stone, *Ashley Moore, *John Hammond, *Marson Eaton Jr. *Silas Barber were chosen.

Voted to choose 5 Surveyors of Lumber, who shall also be Surveyors of Shingles and Clapboards, and *Walter R. Bigelow, *Adolphus Morse, *Henry Goulding, *Wm. Whipple Patch, *Eli Goulding were chosen.

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen appoint a suitable number of persons to be Measurers of Wood & Bark—also a Sealer of Weights and Measures and a Pound Keeper.

Voted to choose one person in each School District as a Prudential Committeeman for his District.

Voted that School District No. 1 be permitted to choose theirs —and in Dist. No. 2 Sumner Cook, 3 Levi Knowlton, 4 Nathaniel Brooks, 5 Reuben Tatman, 6 Daniel Flagg, 7 Samuel Putnam, 8 *Joel Flagg, 9 Joseph Lovell, 10 *Walter H. Davis, 11 Tho. Chamberlain, 12 John H. Brooks, 13 John Lees were chosen.

Article 5. Voted to choose a Committee of three, to report at the adjournment of this meeting, what sums of money it will be

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* Sworn.

necessary to raise to defray the expenses of the town the current year and A. D. Foster, J. W. Lincoln, Asa Brooks were chosen.

Article 6. Voted, that the compensation and duties of the Assessors be the same as the last year.

Articles 7 & 8. Voted, that the subject matter of the two articles [to see if the Treasurer should be Collector, fix his compensation, abatement, etc.] be refered to a Committee of Nine, to report thereon at the adjournment, and John W. Lincoln, A. D. Foster, Is. Davis, Silas Brooks, F. W. Paine, Albert Curtis, Geo. T. Rice, John F. Clark, Thoˢ. Nichols, were chosen.

Article 9. Voted, that the roads and bridges of the town be repaired in the same manner as they were the last year, by twelve Highway Surveyors.

Article 10. Voted, that the town defray the same charges for Burials as they did the last year.

Article 11. Voted, that the town cause the Lamps in the Centre School District to be lighted the current year.

Article 12. Voted, that the town will take charge of and defray the expenses of the Clocks of the First and Second Parishes the current year.

Article 13. Voted that the town do cause a Bell to be rung at noon and at 9 o'clock P. M. the current year.

Article 14. Voted that the town do not suspend the operations of the Laws relating to the killing certain kinds of Birds.

Article 15. Voted, that the town will authorize the Prudential Committee of the several School Districts to contract with the Teachers of their respective Districts.

Article 16. Voted that the town do accept the 19th, 20th & 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, and also that they will make the additional allowance of five dollars to those Enginemen (for their services) who shall perform all the duties devolving upon them for the year; and to those who do not perform the duties for the whole year, the pay to be pro rata.

Article 17. A report made by the Selectmen, and also a report made by the Overseers of the Poor, was read—Upon some suggestions in the report of the Selectmen, a Committee of three, was raised to take into consideration of a portion of the Southbridge road, so called—the lost Bridges at South Worcester and the Bridge at Tatnuck, and report thereon at the adjournment—the Committee are John W. Lincoln, Jaˢ. Estabrook & John Flagg.

Under the report of the Overseers of the Poor, a Committee of nine was chosen, to take into consideration the Town Farm and

the expenses of the Paupers, and report if expedient to sell the Farm and purchase another better adapted to the interests of the town: the Committee are James Estabrook, Joel Flagg, John W. Lincoln, Silas Brooks, A. D. Foster, Nath[l]. Brooks, Nath[l]. Stowell, Tho. Chamberlain, Jon[a]. Harrington.

Article 18. The subject of the change of limits of School Districts Nos. 2 & 3 [to set off W. W. Patch, Jonas Hartshorn, and Hannah Briggs from District No. 3 with their houses] was refered to a Committee, to report thereon at the adjournment, & Silas Brooks, Tho. Chamberlain & Nath[l]. Brooks were chosen.

Article 19. The Selectmen having made a report, and having filed the same in the office of the Town Clerk, seven days before this meeting, it was read and accepted by vote of the town, and is, in part, as follows, viz.

"The Selectmen did, on the sixth day of February instant lay out the said road as follows, viz.—Beginning on the south side of Mechanic Street at the northwest corner of land of John Mann, thence running southerly and bounded on the east by land of said John Mann, Richard P. Noyes and Samuel Rice to the north side of Front Street; thence turning and running westerly on Front Street twenty five feet; thence turning and running northerly to Mechanic Street parallel with the first above described line at a distance of twenty five feet; thence easterly on Mechanic Street to the point of starting."

The above described street to be called Spring Street.

Article 20. Subject [selling lands purchased for burial places which have not been used] refered to the same Committee as the subject of the Town Farm was.

Article 21. The Subject of the petition of the Worcester Branch Rail Road was refered to a Committee of five to report thereon at the adjournment, and Charles Allen, Wm. A. Wheeler, Fred. W. Paine, Ja[s]. Estabrook, John W. Lincoln were chosen.

Article 22. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to set out Trees on Main, Front and South streets wherever there are vacancies.

Article 23. The subject of the alteration or enlargement &c. of the Town House was refered to a Committee of nine to report thereon at the adjournment, and the Committee are the Five Selectmen, John W. Lincoln, Wm. Barber, Pliny Merrick and Ja[s]. Estabrook.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of April next, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The following appointments have been made by the Selectmen, viz. Sealer of Weights & measures, *John Field.

Keeper of the Pound, *Samuel Harrington.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Harrison Bliss, *Wm. M. Bickford, *Charles Boardman, Stephen Taft Jr., *Archibald Willard, *Elbridge G. Pratt, Tobias Boland, *Adolphus Taft, *Benjamin Goddard 2d, *Francis Thaxter, *Pliny Holbrook, *Frederic Cutting.

By order of the Selectmen,
Worcester, March 2d, 1841. Fred. Wm. Paine.

To C. A. Hamilton Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester.

To the Town Clerk of Worcester, Sir,

*Nathan Austin Lombard has been appointed a measurer of Wood & Bark in South Worcester.

By order of the Selectmen of Worcester,
March 3, 1841. F. W. Paine.

Worcester, March 19, 1841.

*Mr. Joseph A. Gilbert and *Mr. Francis Harrington Jr. have been appointed measurers of Wood & Bark for the current municipal year.

F. W. Paine
W. A. Wheeler
Lewis Chapin
Henry W. Miller
} Selectmen of Worcester.

To C. A. Hamilton Esq.
Town Clerk of Worcester.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on this fifth day of April A. D. 1841 at 1 o'clock P. M. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (the Clerk having read the Warrant) called upon the voters to bring in their votes on one Ballot for three persons to serve as County Commissioners, and also for two other persons to serve as Special Commissioners, being Inhabitants of different towns—The votes having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number of Ballots for County Commissioners, was four hundred and thirty four.

For William Crawford of Oakham, four hundred & twelve.
" Samuel Taylor of Sutton, One hundred & seventy six.
" Zachariah Sheldon of Holden, One hundred & seventy eight.
" David Davenport, two hundred & forty seven.
" Charles Thurber, two hundred & fifty five.

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* Sworn.

Samuel Draper, one—Nathan Heard, one—S. Collier, one—Charles Chaffin, one—Sam[l]. Mixter, one—Edmund Cushing, one—A. Jaques, one.

The whole number of Ballots for Special Commissioners was four hundred and thirty one.

For Stephen Davis, two hundred & fifty three.
" Jerome Gardner, two hundred & fifty one.
" David Davenport, one hundred & seventy three.
" Adam Harrington, one hundred & seventy seven.
" Benjamin D. Hyde, one—John Jaques, one—S. Towne, one—H. Weed, one.

The votes having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded, as above, declaration thereof was made and a return, according to Law, was made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

Art. 2d. F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Art. 3d. Voted, that the Assessors be authorized to make alterations in the Highway Districts whenever they think it advisable.

Art. 4th. Voted, that so much of Portland Street as lies south of Myrtle Street, be discontinued, if the Mess. Bigelow want the land for manufacturing purposes.

Article 5. Voted, that Ephraim Childs account [for taking care of C. Cooley] be refered to the Overseers of the Poor for settlement.

Article 6. Voted, that the town hire the room over Engine No. 5, for the current year.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall on this fifth day of April A. D. 1841 at 1 o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the first day of March last the following proceedings were had, to wit:—

Article 2d. Voted to proceed to the choice of a School Committee, and A. D. Foster, Rev[d]. Alonzo Hill, Rev[d]. Elam Smalley, Rev[d]. Seth Sweetser, Rev.[d]. S. B. Swaim, Thomas Kinnicutt, M. L. Fisher, Wm. N. Green, Ja[s]. Estabrook, were chosen.

Voted, to excuse Joel Flagg and Walter H. Davis from serving as Prudential School Committee, and Joseph Bond was chosen in District No. 8 and Elijah Stow in District No. 10.

Article 5. The Committee to whom the subject was refered, made a Report which was read, and after some amendments, it was accepted, and with the said amendments, is as follows, to wit:

The Committee who were appointed, at the last town meeting to take into consideration and report at the adjournment of the meeting "what sum of money shall be raised to defray the expenses of the town for the current year" have given the subject such consideration as they could and Report:—That in their opinion the following sums will be requisite—

For Roads and Bridges		2,500
For repairs of Bridges at South Worcester		600
For compensation of Assessors		200
For compensation of Treasurer & Collector		250
For compensation of Chairman of Selectmen	100	
do Overseers of Poor	50	150
For interest on the Town Debt		450
For discount for prompt payment and abatement of taxes.		1,000
For Oil and care of Lamps		500
For ringing a Bell		40
For Funerals		180
For care of the Clocks		50
For instruction of Schools	5,300) to be divided as	
Fuel & contingencies for do	500) last year	5,800
For Support of the Poor		2,100
For Fire Department 200—1600		1,800
For one Instalment on Town Debt		1,000
For rent of room over Engine No. 5.		45
For District No. 3 upon conditions stated below		100
		$16,765

Last year the town granted $200 to School District No. 7 to aid them in removing and fitting up their School House—The Committee have some doubt whether it is in their province but their attention has been called to the subject and they take the liberty of saying that in their opinion the town should also assist District No. 3 in the alteration of the location of their School House—Its present location is almost the worst possible—It may be altered by procuring a new site at an expense not exceeding fifty dollars and removing the house to it, or by taking down the hill on which it now stands—The Committee recommend an appropriation of $100 on condition that the District make the change in one or the other way. All which is respectfully submitted

Worcester April 5, 1841 By order, John W. Lincoln.

Voted, that the sum of Sixteen thousand seven hundred and sixty five dollars be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, & upon such property of non-resident proprietors, as may be in the town, & liable to taxation, for the purposes specified in the foregoing report.

Articles 7 & 8. The Committee to whom was refered the subject of taxes made a Report which was read and accepted.—They say, "that the cause of complaint arises from the non-compliance on the part of the Collectors with the spirit of the instructions of the town in relation to the discharge of their duty"—The Committee recommended the adoption of the following votes, which were passed in the words of the report, as follows, to wit.

Voted, that the Treasurer be Collector of taxes, and that he receive in compensation for his services the sum of $250. That he make the following abatements to those persons who shall pay their taxes within 30, 60 & 90 days, that is to say: to those who shall pay their taxes within thirty days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to the Collector he shall abate six per cent; within sixty days four per cent; and within ninety days two per cent.

Voted, That the Collector immediately upon the receipt of the tax bill from the Assessors shall post up notices of the fact and of the discount allowed, at each of the public meeting Houses in the town; he shall also, as soon as can conveniently be done, send notice, to each person taxed, of the amount of his tax, the discount allowed, and that the said tax must be paid within 120 days from the time the taxes are committed for collection; at the expiration of which time the payment of all taxes remaining unpaid will be immediately enforced—Notice addressed to the person taxed deposited in the Post-Office to be considered a sufficient compliance with this provision, but notice sent directly to the person interested to be prefered when convenient.

Voted, that the Collector be instructed to enforce the collection of all taxes remaining unpaid at the expiration of 120 days from the time the tax bill shall have been committed to him and that the collection may be enforced within said time, if there is good reason to believe, in the opinion of the Collector, that the tax will be lost by the delay.

Voted, that the Collector at the expiration of 180 days from the time the tax bill shall have been committed to him, shall account for all taxes committed to him, and shall pay the balance of said taxes, deducting therefrom discounts, abatements and such sums (if any) that the Assessors may have in writing directed him to suspend the collection thereof.

Voted, that the Collector shall from time to time and without delay deposit all sums of money which he may receive for the use of the town when the same may amount to the sum of $100 or more to the credit of the Selectmen of the Town in either of the Banks the Selectmen may direct.

Article 9. Voted, that the Selectmen allow for the labor of a man upon the Highways, a sum not exceeding twelve and a half cents per hour; and that they allow the same sum per hour for a Yoke of Oxen with a cart.

Article 17. The Committee chosen on the first ult°. to take into consideration the situation of certain roads and bridges injured by a freshet in January last, made a report, specifying the particular repairs to be made where two Bridges were carried away at South Worcester—the repairs to be made at Tatnuck and also that portion "of the Southbridge road in the Swamp of Mr. Collier"—which was read and accepted: and it was also Voted that the sum of Six hundred dollars [inserted in the report of the Committee of Estimate, page 204 *ante*.] be raised by one assessment upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such property of non-resident Proprietors, as may be in the town and liable to taxation, for the purposes specified in said Report—It was also Voted, that the Board of Selectmen be a Committee to carry the provisions of the Report into effect.

The Rev^d^. Mr. Hill read the Report of the School Committee of the last year, which was accepted, and it was Voted that the Reports of the Selectmen; of the Overseers of the Poor and of the School Committee, be printed for the use of the town.

Article 18. The Committee, to whom the subject matter of this article was refered, made a Report, which is as follows:—

"The Committee appointed by the town to consider the application of Wm. W. Patch and others to be annexed to School District No. 3, having heard the parties in interest, and maturely considered the case, do recommend that the said applicants, with their dwelling houses should be set off from No. 2 District and annexed to District No. 3. Which is respectfully submitted,

Silas Brooks,
Worcester, March 3d, 1841. Tho. Chamberlain,
Nathaniel Brooks.

Article 21. The Committee to whom was refered the subject matter of this article made a Report which was read and accepted, and is, in part, as follows, to wit: "the Worcester Branch Rail Road Corporation, having by their Charter, authority to locate said Road over the ways & streets lying between the termini of

the same, the consent of the town is not necessary therefor, inasmuch as the town cannot interfere with the rights said Corporation has obtained of the Legislature—The Committee however recommend that the town make no claim for any supposed damages provided the said Corporation shall so construct their road that in the opinion of the Selectmen no damage or injury shall result to any street or way over which it shall pass."

Article 23d. The Committee to whom was refered the subject matter of this article made a report which was read and accepted, and is, in part, as follows, to wit:—"On the east end of the present building they propose to add 50 feet, making the whole length 114 feet—the Hall for town meetings they propose shall be held in the upper story which will be all one room about 100 feet long by 51 wide—this hall will be 18 feet high which height they propose to obtain by dropping the present upper floor, two feet, which can be done at a small expense—this hall will have three rows of raised seats all round which will accommodate from 350 to 400 persons."

"The present town hall is divided, in the plan, into four rooms, viz. a hall 30 feet wide & 51 long—one room 19 feet by 20 and two other rooms 9½ feet by 20 feet and a wide passage way between these last three rooms—the room on the lower floor now occupied as an Armory will be taken away and the space thrown open as an entrance hall—the Armory may be accommodated in some other room."

"The first floor of the addition will form a hall 51 feet by 48 and will be entered by a flight of steps from the east end and by two doors cut thro' the east wall of the present building—it is not contemplated to take down this wall below the floor of the upper Hall."

"The Basement of the addition as shown on the Plan will be divided into four rooms; two of which are intended to accommodate the Engine Company now in the old part—the northeast corner room may probably be leased to advantage and the southwest corner room the Committee think as it is a small one may be properly appropriated to the use of the Town Treasurer and Assessors, especially as the safe may be placed there at a small cost."

"On the outside of the present Building no change is proposed except making a third door and filling up the space between the present flights of steps with additional ones:—the outside of the addition will be in the same style as the old part, but the plan proposes an outside flight of steps and a Portico over them for the purpose of obtaining an entrance into the large town Hall without passing through the small one."

Whereupon it was Voted, that the town will enlarge the Town Hall in accordance with the recommendations of the Report of the Committee upon the subject, this day made and accepted.

Voted, that the following named Gentlemen, to wit—John W. Lincoln, Isaac Davis, Thoˢ. Chamberlain, Wm. A. Wheeler & Henry W. Miller, be a Building Committee to carry into effect the foregoing vote, and that they be authorized to borrow upon the credit of the town a sum not exceeding $7500 to be raised by annual instalments of $1000 each for the first seven years, and $500 for the eighth year.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in May next at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester April 9, 1841. *Mr. Adolphus Baylies has been appointed a measurer of Wood & Bark for the current year.

By order of the Selectmen F. W. Paine.

C. A. Hamilton Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester.

Worcester April 22, 1841. *Martin Luther Childs has been appointed by the Selectmen of Worcester as a measurer of Wood & Bark in School District No. 8.

By order of the Selectmen F. W. Paine.

To C. A. Hamilton Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Worcester held the sixteenth day of April 1841 the following named persons were appointed by them as Engineers of the Fire Department in Worcester, viz.

Henry W. Miller,

Clarendon Wheelock,	Osgood Bradley,	Zebina E. Berry,
Benjᵃ. Goddard 3d,	George Hobbs,	Wm. Leggate,
Caleb Newcomb,	Henry Goulding,	Joseph Pratt.
Daniel Heywood,	James Estabrook,	

to serve for one year from the first day of May next.

By order of the Selectmen F. W. Paine.

To C. A. Hamilton Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on this third day of May A. D. 1841 at 2 o'clock P. M. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the Town Clerk not being able to be present on account of indisposition, the Chairman

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* Sworn.

of the Board of Selectmen called upon the voters to bring in their ballots for a person to serve as Clerk Pro. Tem.—the ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that Benjamin F. Dean was chosen, who forthwith took the oath of office before the moderator in open town meeting.

The Board of Selectmen, then, by their Chairman, F. W. Paine, called for the Ballots for a Representative, in Congress, to supply the vacancy existing; the Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number of Ballots was Five Hundred and forty two.

For Charles Hudson Three Hundred and twenty one.
" Isaac Davis Two Hundred and Three.
" Cyrus P. Grosvenor Seventeen. Ira M. Barton One.

Art. 2d. The Ballots for two County Commissioners & also for two Special Commissioners, were called for, which having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number of Ballots for County Commissioners was Five Hundred and thirty three.

For Charles Thurber Three Hundred and Thirty Six.
" David Davenport Two Hundred and thirty.
" Samuel Taylor One Hundred and ninety two.
" Zachariah Sheldon One Hundred and ninety three.
" Abial Jaques ninety—John W. Lincoln One—James Draper One—Isaac Weed One.

The whole number of ballots for Special Commissioners was Five Hundred and thirty three.

For Adam Harrington One Hundred and ninety four.
" David Davenport One Hundred and eighty nine.
" Salem Towne ninety one. Edmund Cushing ninety.
" Stephen Davis Two Hundred and thirty eight.
" Jerome Gardner Two Hundred and Thirty eight.
" Benj[a]. D. Hide One.

The votes for Representative in Congress and for County Commissioners and Special Commissioners having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as on the preceding page, declaration thereof was made, and returns, according to Law were made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest Benj[a]. F. Dean Clerk Pro. Tem.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town

Hall on this third day of May A. D. 1841 at two o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the first day of March last to the fifth day of April last, and from said fifth day of April last to the present time, the following described proceedings were had, to wit :—

Article 2. Voted to choose an additional Constable.

*Whiting Gates was chosen.

Article 5, was taken up and it being stated that the Committee of Estimate had omitted to report any sum for the Contingent Expenses of the town for the current year, it was Voted, that the sum of Six hundred dollars, be raised for that purpose by assessment upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such property of non-resident proprietors, as may be in the town, and liable to taxation.

Article 17. The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, made a report, which was read & with accompanying papers placed on file. The report of the Assistant Engineers was also read and placed on file.

Article 18. The report of the Committee made on the fifth ult°. in relation to removals from School District No. 2 to School District No. 3 be so far amended as to include in the removal, the estate owned by Hepsibah Hemenway, on the Patch road, so called. Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest Benj^a. F. Dean Clerk Pro. Tem.

Worcester Oct. 6th 1841. Mr. George A. Chamberlain is hereby appointed Measurer of Wood and Bark for the town of Worcester. Fred. Wm. Paine, Chairman of the Selectmen of Worcester.

To C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of Worcester.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester Oct°. 11th 1841. Mr. James Snow is hereby appointed measurer of Wood & Bark.

By order of the Selectmen of Worcester F. W. Paine.

To C. A. Hamilton Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, holden in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on Monday, this eighth day of November A. D. 1841 being the second Monday in said month of November, at nine o'clock A. M.

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F. W. Paine, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding, the whole of said Board being present, the following votes were cast: to wit,

For Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was twelve hundred and sixty.

John Davis had eight hundred and sixteen.
Marcus Morton had four hundred and twenty.
Lucius Boltwood had twenty four.

For Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was twelve hundred and fifty nine.

George Hall eight hundred and eighteen.
Henry H. Childs had four hundred and seventeen.
Ebenezer Hunt had twenty four.

For Senators and Counsellors.

The whole number of Ballots was twelve hundred and fifty seven.

Samuel Wood had eight hundred and ten.
James Allen had eight hundred and twelve.
Amory Holman had seven hundred and ninety nine.
Emory Washburn had eight hundred and thirteen.
Alexander DeWitt had eight hundred and fourteen.
John Spurr had four hundred and sixteen.
Isaac Davis had four hundred and thirteen.
Nathaniel Wood had four hundred and fourteen.
Adam Harrington had four hundred and sixteen.
Benjamin Estabrook had four hundred and sixteen.
Charles Humphrey had twenty five.
Cyrus P. Grosvenor had twenty six.
I. R. Barbour had twenty six.
Thomas W. Ward had twenty six.
Joshua T. Everett had twenty six.
Zachariah Sheldon had one—Francis Howe had one—Edward Earle had one.

The votes having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded on this and the preceding page [original record], declaration thereof was made, and returns, according to Law, were made out and sealed up, in open town meeting.

It having been voted at the opening of the meeting, under the first article in the Warrant, to choose three persons to Represent the town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth, the votes having been brought in, assorted and counted, were for the following named persons, to wit.

Benjamin F. Thomas had seven hundred & seventy eight.
Thomas Kinnicutt " eight hundred.
John Hammond " seven hundred and seventy three.
Pliny Merrick " four hundred and thirteen.
Samuel D. Spurr " four hundred & seventeen.
Thomas Nichols " four hundred & fifteen.

Edward Earle had forty one. H. W. Miller had one. John Wright one. Edwin Conant two. William Leggate two. William A. Wheeler one. Albert Curtis thirty eight. Nath[l]. Brooks one. James Estabrook one. M. D. Phillips one. Darius Rice one. William Lincoln two. Wm. M. Bickford one. Albert Tolman one. Ichabod Washburn one. Cyrus P. Grosvenor one. Samuel Flagg one & Lansford Wood one.

The whole number of Ballots being 1242 Necessary for a choice 622.

Benjamin F. Thomas had 778 Thomas Kinnicutt had 800 John Hammond had 773 and they were elected.

Article 3. F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 4. Voted to choose a Committee consisting of five persons, to take the subject [inclosing and improving the Common] into consideration, and report thereon at the next meeting of the town, and Levi A. Dowley, Horace Ayres, Samuel Perry, John W. Lincoln & Josiah Britton were chosen.

Article 5. Voted to choose a Committee consisting of five persons, to take the subject [to open a way to enable Levi Morse and Mrs. Lucy Gates to get to their houses] into consideration, and report thereon at the next meeting of the town. and John W. Lincoln, Is. Davis, Tho[s]. Chamberlain, Amos R. Black and Samuel Perry were chosen.

Article 6. Report of Committee read by J. W. Lincoln, Chairman; in which after describing their doings in enlarging the Town Hall, they "recommend that the town pass the following votes"—which were passed, and are as follows, viz.

Voted, "1st. That the Selectmen be authorized to pay the $1000. raised for the purpose of paying so much of the town debt, to defray in part the expenses of enlarging the Town Hall."

Voted "2d. That the Committee be instructed to furnish the Town Hall and provide the facilities of its being lighted and warmed in the manner recommended."

Voted, "3d. That the Committee be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding $3,200 on the credit of the town for the purpose of completing and furnishing the Town Hall in the manner recommended."

Article 7. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the land of the town "near the farm of R. Newton, which was purchased for the purpose of a Burial Ground," "at their best discretion."

Article 8. The Selectmen having made a report and filed the same in the Town Clerk's Office on the 30th ult°. it was read, and accepted, and is in part as follows, to wit.

[Petition of Micah Johnson and others for a road from house of James Snow to house of A. T. Johnson.]

"And the Selectmen did on the 27th day of October inst. proceed to locate the boundaries of said road and alterations therein as follows"—

"Beginning at a point two rods and two links east of the south line of the main part of the house of Asa T. Johnson, thence N. 4½° E. 8 chains & 13 links following the easterly line of the present road as now travelled—thence northerly 5 chains & 28 links on said line of said road to the north corner of the Lane leading to the house of Asa Gates or Sarah W. Gates—thence leaving the old road aforesaid and running N. 12½° E. two chains & 50 links over land of Sarah W. Gates to land of Micah Johnson and 1 chain & 51 links over land of said Johnson to the east side of the old road aforesaid—thence N. 19° E. 3 chains & 36 links—thence N. 42½° East 5 chains & 33 links touching the S. W. corner of said Micah's Barn in the line—thence 7½° E. 6 chains & 31 links —thence N. 22½° E. 1 chain & 21 links,—thence N. 37½° E. 2 chains & 46 links—thence N. 53½° E. 5 chains & 42 links passing over the dam of S. H. Flagg to a point near the northwest corner of said Flagg's Mill—thence N. 27½° E. 2 chains & 77 links—thence N. 30° E. 4 chains—thence N. 35° E. 4 chains—thence leaving the east line of the old traveled road and passing over land of Horatio N. Gunn N. 40° E. 1 chain & 15 links to to land of the heirs of Clark Johnson running onto said land at this point 8 links east of the line of the old road—thence over land of said heirs in same course 3 chains 16 links to line of old road—thence north 47 East 1 chain 23 links—thence N. 52 E. 1 chain 33 links—thence N. 66 E. 1 chain 8 links to the south side of the Barre road nearly opposite the Inn of James Snow—thence on the southerly line of the Barre road 1 chain & 20 links—thence S. 17 W. 33 links to a stake on the westerly line of the old road and of the present location, at a distance of two rods from easterly line the present location—the whole distance being Two hundred and forty rods & twenty three links, and the said road being laid out two rods wide westwardly of the above described line from the last course given from the Barre road to its ending near the

house of A. T. Johnson except where it passes over the Dam of S. H. Flagg's mill where the width of the dam is the width of the road."

"And the Selectmen recommend that the portion of the before described road which passes over the land of Micah Johnson and Sarah W. Gates be established as a Town road or way according to Law whenever the petitioners or others shall have made the same to the acceptance of the Selectmen who shall be authorized to pay the maker the sum of Seventy five dollars for making said portion of the road and for paying the damage of Twenty dollars claimed by Sarah W. Gates who is the only person that has made any claim for damages." And no person having claimed any damages for land included in the remainder of the road as above located and no labor or expense being necessary on it, the Selectmen recommend that the remainder of said road be established as a town road or way according to law."

Article 9. The Selectmen having made a report on the Petition of Nathaniel Stowell, Josiah Rice and others, and having filed the same in the Town Clerk's Office on the 30th ult°. it was read and accepted and is, in part, as follows, to wit:

"And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the 25th day of October, lay out said alteration as follows,—

[Petition of Nathaniel Stowell and others for a new road from near the barn of J. Rice to avoid the hills on the old road.]

Beginning on the easterly side of the present road at the southerly post of the Bar way leading into the Barn Yard of Josiah Rice, thence running S. 47 E. 7 chains & 28 links—thence S. 20 E. 1 chain & 75 links—thence due South 1 chain & 64 links—thence S. 12½° West 2 chains & 80 links thence S. 27 W. 4 chains & 25 links to the east line of said road—the whole distance being over land of said Josiah Rice who claims no damages — the whole distance being seventy one rods and the said road being laid out two rods wide westwardly of the above described line—And the Selectmen recommend that the said road as above located be established as a Town Road or Way according to Law whenever the same shall have been made by the Petitioners for it, to the acceptace of the Selectmen who shall then be authorized to pay the maker the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars towards the expense thereof."

Article 10. The Selectmen having made a Report on the Petition of Alpheus Merrifield, Benjamin Walker & others, and having filed the same in the Town Clerk's Office on the 30th ult°. it was read and accepted, and is in part, as follows, to wit:

[New road from Thomas street near foundry of W. A. Wheeler to Mechanic street near house of D. Goddard.]

"And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the 25th day of October lay out said road as follows. Beginning on the south side of Thomas Street at a point which is four feet six inches east of the northeast corner of the estate now or lately belonging to the heirs of Marchant Tobey: thence running S. 11½ W. sixty feet thence S. 5 West one hundred and eight feet—these last two courses are over land of John Davis and George T. Rice and damages are claimed—thence S. 5 West one hundred and fifty three feet to the north line of Central Street—the last mentioned course is over land of John Green and John F. Clark—thence crossing Central Street and beginning at the north east corner of the Building occupied by Kirby & Stone as a Bakery &c. and running S. 7. West, two hundred and thirty nine feet six inches—the last mentioned course is partly over land of David Bennett & others and partly over land of Nahum Perkins—thence S. 7 West Sixty four feet over land of Wm. T. Merrifield to the north side of a public passage way commonly called Columbian Avenue—thence crossing said Columbian Avenue and beginning at the north east corner of a shop owned by Merrifield & Upham or by W. T. Merrifield and running S. 18 West two hundred and twelve feet six inches—this last course is over land of Wm. T. Merrifield—thence over land of Samuel M. Burnside S. 18 W. one hundred and thirty eight feet six inches—thence over land of the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Corporation S. 18 W. two hundred and twenty feet two inches to the corner of the N. West wing Wall of the Viaduct of said Corporation—thence in the direction of the wing walls and abutment on the west side of said Viaduct to the termination of the south west wing wall of said Viaduct—thence over a common and open passage way S. 29 West two hundred and thirty six feet and nine inches to the north side of Mechanic Street at the southeast corner of the house of David Flagg—the whole distance being Ninety seven Rods and three and a half links and the said road being laid out Forty feet wide and eastwardly of the before described line: subject however to the width of the Rail Road Viaduct at that point. And no damages have been claimed by any persons or Corporations over whose land the above location passes except by John Davis & Geo. T. Rice."

"And the Selectmen recommend the said road as above located be established as a Town road or way according to Law, whenever the Petitioners shall have quieted all claims for damages and shall have made the same to the acceptance of the Selectmen of

the town who shall then be authorized to pay towards the damages and construction of the said Road, the sum of five hundred dollars."

Article 11. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be a Committee to investigate the subject matter of this article [to allow Elisha Harkness and others to place their front fences on the line of the north side of Front Street and to establish said line] and report thereon at the next March meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday this seventh day of March A. D. 1842 at nine o'clock A. M. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, to wit :—

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, who, after having read the Warrant, aforesaid, called upon the voters to bring in their Ballots for a moderator, which having been done it appeared that F. W. Paine was unanimously chosen.

Article 2. The Moderator called for the Ballots for a Town Clerk, which having been brought in, and counted were two hundred & ninety five and all for Charles A. Hamilton, who thereupon took the oath of office before the Moderator in open town meeting.

The Ballots for Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor were called for, to be brought in upon one Ballot, which having been done, were found as follows, to wit:

*F. W. Paine had 317 *Henry W. Miller had 317 *Henry Goulding 315 *Darius Rice 317 *Wm. Barber 317

For Assessors the whole number was three hundred & sixteen.

*F. W. Paine had 316 *George Bowen had 316 Benjamin Reed had 315 (Excused) and they were chosen.

For Overseers of the Poor the whole number was 314.

Alp^{s}. Merrifield had 314 John Jones had 312 Eben^{r}. L. Barnard had 312 and they were chosen.

The Ballots for a Treasurer & Collector of Taxes were called for and brought in twice without a choice : on the third Balloting they were as follows. Whole number of Ballots was 529. A. W. Congdon had 1 John Heath Knight had 5 Wm. Greenleaf had 243 Stephen Bartlett had 280 and was chosen.

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Voted, to take up the 3d article in the Warrant, and the Ballots for a County Treasurer having been brought in were two hundred and fifty four, and all were for Anthony Chase.

Voted, to take up the 4th article in the Warrant, and after some remarks by A. D. Foster on the subject of a Teacher for the "Latin Grammar School" a Committee consisting of A. D. Foster, Pliny Merrick, Is. Davis, F. W. Paine & J. W. Lincoln was chosen to report an estimate of "what sum of money shall be raised to defray the expenses of the town the current year," at the adjournment of this meeting, with instructions "to report an estimate of One thousand dollars to be applied to the payment of the Salary of the Master of the Latin Grammar School, if the School Committee judge it to be expedient to use so much."

Voted, to return to the 2d article in the Warrant.

Voted, to choose Seven Constables, and *Leonard W. Stowell, *Ivers Phillips, Chas. P. Bancroft, *Whiting Gates, *Seth Fisher, *Asa Matthews, Wm. R. Wesson, were chosen.

Voted, not to choose any Tithingmen.

Voted, to choose the same number of Field Drivers, as last year, and District No. 1 *Paine Aldrich, Loren Darling, Calvin Foster, Charles Paine, Danl. W. Lincoln. 2 *Luther G. Shepard. 3 *Wm. C. Barbour. 4 *Moses P. Stearns. 5 *Joseph Willard. 6 Danl. Flagg. 7 *Ephraim Gates. 8 *Isaac Moore. 9 *Luther G. Moore. 10 *Ezra Goddard. 11 *Enos Thomas. 12 *Lewis H. Nye. 13 *Lewis Young were chosen.

Voted, to choose 5 Fence Viewers, and *John Field, *Levi Gates, *John Hammond, *Wm. Ward, *Silas Barber were chosen.

Voted, to choose 5 Surveyors of Lumber, who shall also be Surveyors of Shingles and Clapboards, and *Walter R. Bigelow, *Wm. T. Merrifield, *Eli Goulding, *Alph^{s}. Merrifield, *Elbridge G. Hall, were chosen.

Voted, that the Board of Selectmen appoint a suitable number of persons to be Surveyors and measurers of Wood and Bark.

Also a Sealer of Weights & Measures And a Pound Keeper.

Voted, to choose one person, as a Prudential School Committeeman, in each School District, except the first, which is hereby permitted to choose its own, and in No. 2 Ashley Moore, 3 Lewis Cutting, 4 Lewis Chapin, 5 Reuben Tatman, 6 Darius Rice, 7 Chas. Bowen, 8 George W. Rugg, 9 Nahum Willington, 10 Walter

* Sworn.

H. Davis, 11 Thos. Nichols, 12 Horace Chenery, 13 Saml. Lees were chosen.

Article 5. Voted that the Assessors receive the same compensation & perform the same duties as they did the last year.

Article 6. Voted, that "the Town Treasurer be Collector of Taxes:" that he have the same compensation, and that he make the same abatements to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes in within 30, 60 & 120 days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to him, as last year, and that he be governed by the same instructions.

Article 7. [To fix time within which taxes shall be paid]. Voted, within the period as stated last year.

Article 8. Voted, that the Roads and Bridges be repaired in the same manner as they were last year; that is by Highway Surveyors in each District, and a nominating Committee was appointed by the Chair, who reported the following names, (with the exceptions of Districts Nos. 2 & 12, the persons nominated, declining,) to wit.

District No. 1 *John Hammond, 2 *Ashley Moore, 3 *Horatio Gates, 4 *Nathl. Brooks, 5 *Samuel Perry, 6 *Darius Rice, 7 *Leonard Flagg, 8 *Curtis Rice, 9* Wm. Eames, 10 *Ezekiel Newton, 11 *Amos R. Black, 12 *Benj. F. Gleason were chosen.

Article 9. Voted that the "town will defray the expenses of Burials in the manner they voted last year."

Article 10. Voted, that "the town will take charge of and defray the expenses of the Clocks of the First and Second Parishes the current year."

Article 11. Voted, that the "town will cause the Public Lamps in the Centre School District to be lighted the current year."

Article 12. Voted, that "the Town will cause a Bell to be rung at Noon and at Nine o'clock P. M. the current year."

Article 13. Voted, that the Town will not "suspend the operation of the Laws respecting the Killing certain kinds of Birds."

Voted, that "the Town will authorize the Prudential Committee of the several School Districts to contract with the Teachers of their respective Districts."

Article 15. Voted that the Town will accept the 19th, 20th & 21st Articles of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, and "that they will make, for the services of the Enginemen," the same additional allowance, as last year.

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*Sworn.

Voted, that the meeting be adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M. at which time the moderator again called to order.

Article 16. Selectmen's Report read by moderator—Voted to postpone the further consideration of it, to the adjournment of this meeting, and in the mean time the Selectmen are to procure & distribute such a number of printed copies as they shall deem advisable.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor read by moderator, & ordered to be printed with Selectmen's report, as also a Report of the School Committee, if one can be procured.

Voted to allow 12½ cents per hour for the labor of a man or a yoke of oxen, upon the Roads, under the direction of the Highway Surveyors.

A portion of the Selectmen's Report, relating to the sale of the land on the Hardwick road, purchased for a Burial Ground, was taken up, and it was voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell said land for the sum offered, viz. 57 $ per acre, or more if they can get it.

Article 17. The Committee chosen on the 8th day of Novr. last, on the subject of enclosing and improving the Common, made a report, (accompanied by a plan) which was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dowley, and is in the following words, to wit:

"The Committee to whom the town refered the subject of improving and fencing the Common, have had the subject under consideration and are unanimously of the opinion that the public good requires the Common should be enclosed and improved, by leveling the grounds, setting out trees, and laying out walks as laid down on a plan hereto annexed.

"They also recommend that the town raise the sum of Seven hundred dollars, on condition that three hundred be raised by private individuals making One thousand dollars which they think will be sufficient to accomplish the work.

"They recommend also that a Committee of Five be appointed by the town to whom the work be entrusted with instructions not to draw the Seven hundred dollars from the town treasury till the Three hundred to be raised by subscription is paid into their hands."

Voted that the foregoing report be accepted: and that a Committee of Five be chosen to carry the recommendations thereof into effect; and John W. Lincoln, Henry W. Miller, Alfred D. Foster, Isaac Davis, & Levi A. Dowley, were chosen.

The Committee chosen on the 8th day of Novr. last to take into consideration the 5th article in the Warrant for calling that meeting which was, "to see if the town will take any measures to enable Levi Moore and Mrs. Lucy Gates to get to their respective houses by the location or construction of a way to them, or adopt any other measures therein," made a Report, which was read by their Chairman J. W. Lincoln; in which they say "that the Inhabitants should neither locate or construct a way to the houses of Mrs. Lucy Gates or Mr. Levi Moore, or make any compensation in Whole or in part" inasmuch as "the inconvenience complained of, was occasioned by the alteration of the former grade of the road under the supervision and by the order of the County Commissioners"—"that neither Mrs. Gates or Mr. Moore claimed of the County any compensation for the injury the[y] have sustained"—the Committee "believe that without inconvenience to the public, the aggrieved might be allowed to put in sluiceways and bank walls by which they would be enabled to accommodate themselves in a better approach to their buildings than they now enjoy, and they would recommend that Mrs. Gates & Mr. Moore be allowed at their own expense to render the access to their buildings more convenient, provided it be done in such manner as not to interfere with the travel way of the public road or the side ditches, and as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Selectmen of the town."

Voted that the report be accepted.

The Committee chosen on the 6th day of April A. D. 1840 "to take into consideration the subject of the money received, and to be received from the State, for the benefit of the Schools, and to report thereon at some future meeting of the town" made a Report, which was read by S. M. Burnside, their Chairman, and the farther consideration of it postponed to the adjournment of this meeting, and in the mean time to be printed with the other Reports.

The Committee chosen on the 8th day of November last made a Report, which was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"They have examined the width of that part of Front Street to which said article had reference, and find that the two narrowest parts are, one on the east end between the Front Fence of Silas Bailey and the houses on the south side of the Street—and the other is between the southwest corner of land of Ephraim Morse and land on the south side of the Street belonging to the Heirs of Nathaniel Eaton—In no part between these points, or between the Canal Bridge in Washington Square and Spring Street is the

road or street so narrow as three rods wide, at which it was laid out so far as we can ascertain from any record—A line drawn between the S. West corner of the front fence of S. Bailey and the southwest corner of the land of Ephraim Morse will be south of all alledged encroachments of Mr. Harkness and others on the north side of Front Street by several feet, and there is no reason to suppose that either Mr. Bailey's fence or the line which Mr. Morse claims as his south boundary are encroachments on the Street: except that possibly at the S. W. corner of Mr. Bailey's land the fence may be six or eight inches too far South compared with the general direction of his south line.

We have no doubt that the Public have acquired a right by use of the ground proposed to be fenced in by Mr. Harkness & others —But we can see no advantage the Public can gain by taking this land into the Street as the land of Mr. Morse and Mr. Bailey will still project into the Street beyond the line of the Street between those two points if bounded by the Houses on it. We therefore recommend that the town do not interfere with putting up fences between those two points, provided they are not brought out south of the line of the fence now put up by Mr. Harkness and Mr. Noyes. All which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Selectmen F. W. Paine, Chairman.

Worcester March 1, 1842.

Voted, to accept the above Report.

Article 18. [Widening of Canal Bridge at Washington Square.] Voted, to choose a Committee to take the subject into consideration and report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting, and John Flagg, Henry Goulding, Darius Rice, William Barber & Eben^{r}. L. Barnard were chosen.

Article 19. The Selectmen made a Report, but as it was not filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, seasonably, it was voted, that the subject be indefinitely postponed. [This report defined the boundaries of a portion of Front Street.]

Article 20. Voted that the subject matter of this article [to repair and render the access to Engine House No. 6 more easy] be refered to the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, with Instructions to make such alterations and repairs in and about Engine House No. 6 as they may deem expedient.

Article 21. Voted that the subject matter of this article [to reimburse School District No. 1 the expense of enlarging the School House on the corner of the old Burial Ground] be refered to a Committee, to report thereon at the adjournment of the meeting, & John W. Lincoln, Pliny Merrick & Saml. Perry were chosen.

Article 22. [To reduce the hill and widen the road near the house of F. W. Paine.] Voted, to choose a Committee, to report at the adjournment of this meeting what it is expedient to do, and also to report an estimate of the expense of whatever they may propose, and John W. Lincoln, Eben^{r}. L. Barnard & Josiah Brittan Jr. were chosen.

Article 23. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article [respecting the school house in District No. 10 as prayed for by Elijah Stow and others] to the Committee who have the consideration of the 21st article.

Article 24. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [Petition of Wm. Eaton and others respecting any removal of the Court House] be indefinitely postponed.

Article 25. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article [to aid School District No. 4 in removing, repairing, etc. their school house] to the Committee who have the consideration of the 21st & 23d articles.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in April next, at 2 o'clock P. M. Adjourned.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall on this fourth day of April A. D. 1842, at two o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the seventh day of March, last, the following proceedings were had: to wit: The meeting was called to order by F. W. Paine, the Moderator.

Article 2d. was taken up. Benjamin Reed asked to be excused as an Assessor, and he was excused, and on the third balloting *Isaac Davis was chosen in his place.

A Committee, consisting of J. W. Lincoln, Silas Brooks and Thos. Kinnicutt, was chosen to report the names of suitable persons to compose the School Committee; and they reported the following, viz.

Maturin L. Fisher, Rev. Alonzo Hill, Rev. Elam Smalley, Rev. Samuel B. Swaim, Rev. Seth Sweetser, Wm. N. Green, Rev. George Allen, Albert Tolman, John Wright, and the Ballots being brought in by Yea and Nay, they were found to be elected.

Thos. Nichols was excused from serving as a Prudential School Committee-man in District No. 11 and Archibald Willard was chosen in his place.

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* Sworn.

Joseph Willard having removed from town, Gardner S. Burbank was chosen a Field Driver in his place, in District No. 5.

"Voted, that the Selectmen for the time being, be the Agents of the Town to oppose all roads that they deem expedient, and to appear before any Court to oppose or prosecute any suit in which the town may be interested with authority to appoint any person to appear for them."

Article 4. The Committee chosen on the 7th ult°. to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year, made a Report, which was read, and amended by striking out the item of $2,000 for new roads, and then was accepted, and is as follows, viz.

For Support of Roads and Bridges	$2,500
" " " District Schools	4,800
" Salary of Latin Grammar School Master	1,000
" Fuel & care of room of Grammar School	50
" compensation of officers of the town as voted	600
" Support of the Poor	1,800
" Oil and lighting Lamps	500
" ringing Bells and Care of Clocks	90
" expenses of Funerals	180
" Fire Department & Enginemen and rent of Engineers room	1,850
" Town roads as voted by the town	725
" Fencing the Common as voted by the town	700
" Discount & Abatement of Taxes	1,000
" Interest on the debt of the town	805
" ordinary contingencies	600
	$17,200

Voted, that the sum of Seventeen thousand two hundred dollars, for the purposes above specified, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such property of non-resident proprietors, as may be in the town and liable to taxation.

Article 8. "Voted, that a Committee of three be chosen who shall cause the usual work on the roads within the town to be done between the 15th day of April and the 15th day of November, and the District Highway Surveyors have charge of the roads within their respective Districts for the remainder of the year, they shall also have authority to make such repairs as may be necessary at the opening of the Spring and do such other work as

from time to time may be necessary and which may require immediate attention."

Voted, that the said Committee have the "superintendence of the money appropriated for the repairs of the roads and bridges —A nominating Committee was appointed by the Chair, consisting of J. W. Lincoln, Eph^m^. Mower and Artemas Ward 2d. who reported the names of John W. Lincoln, Thomas Chamberlain & Ebenezer L. Barnard, and they were chosen.

Article 16. The report of the Selectmen was taken up—See printed report on file, bottom of page 8.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to carry up, to the Supreme Court, the question of the legality of the tax upon the Car House and other buildings of the Boston & Worcester Railroad Company.

Voted, (page 9 second section) that the Selectmen be authorized to put up the names of the Streets, at the corners thereof, when thereto requested, if they deem it expedient.

Voted, (page 9 section 3) that the Selectmen make such disposition of the rooms of the Town House as they think expedient.

Voted, that the Selectmen pay any bills that may be outstanding against the Town House, out of any unnapropriated monies.

Voted, (page 6 section 2) that the Selectmen be authorized to borrow such sums of money, for the use of the town, as may be necessary for temporary purposes.

Voted, (page 10) that the Selectmen be authorized to borrow such sums as may be necessary to pay for any new roads that the town may be required to make by the County Commissioners the present year.

Article 17. The Committee chosen April 6, 1840, to take into consideration the subject of the money received, and to be received, from the State, for the benefit of the Schools, "made a report which was printed with the other reports and is on file. After a good deal of debate and an amendment of the second proposition for the distribution of the money, the whole matter was indefinitely postponed.

Article 18. The Committee chosen on the 7 ult^o^. made a Report, which was read and accepted, in which they recommend that the Bridge be made "eight feet wide and to include a Side Walk" —estimated expense one hundred & seventy five dollars. [Canal Bridge at Washington Square.]

Articles 21, 23 & 25. The Committee chosen on the 7th ult^o^. to take into consideration the subject matter of these articles, made

a Report, which was read and accepted, and is as follows, to wit.

The Committee of the town who were directed to consider the following articles "To see if the town will reimburse School District No. 1 the expense of enlarging the School House on the corner of the Burial Ground" would report that they had not been informed of the reasons on which the claim is founded, no person having appeared before your Committee to give them any information on the subject.

They were also directed to consider the following article, "to see if the town will aid School District No. 4 in removing, altering and repairing their School House"—In relation to this subject your Committee would report that it was represented to them by Mr. Lewis Chapin, the Prudential Committee of that District, that the School House was some feet within the limits of the public highway, that the interior arrangement of the building particularly as regarded the seats was very inconvenient, that the building was much out of repair & required painting—His estimate of the wants of the District was For removal of the Building 40 For altering the seats 75 For other repairs including painting 85 making the sum of two hundred dollars.

It will be recollected that some years since the road near the School House was altered by the County Commissioners, by which alteration the SchoolHouse now stands some feet within the present location of the road, but it was not expected by the County Commissioners that the building should be removed—Although it is not necessary that this removal should be made, it may be more convenient for the District that it be done if they should determine to thoroughly repair their building, and the expense of such removal the Committee think should be borne by the town, which in the opinion of the Committee will not cost more than $30. The town have heretofore refused to keep in repair Buildings in other School Districts or to pay the expense thereof, or to aid therein, the Committee do not think that there are any circumstances in the case which should justify the town in making it an exception from the rule which has been applied to others—And if the aid asked by this District should be granted, other Districts will find it very convenient to receive the same kind of assistance and will immediately come forward and claim it.

The Committee were also directed to take into consideration the following article, "To see if the town will do anything respecting the School in District No. 10 as prayed for by Elijah Stow and others." The Committee of the District represent that their

present building is altogether too small, that it is 18 feet square and 8 feet posts, that the arrangements of the seats is very inconvenient and the building much out of repair, that the form is such that it could not be enlarged to render it convenient and being so low the ventilation then as now be bad—that they are in want of a new building 22 feet by 30 feet and 10 feet posts which would cost about $400—a part of which sum may be paid by the sale of the old building—The Committee think that if the town should grant the District the sum of $200 to aid them in the erection of a new building, they will be as liberal to them as they have been to other Districts under similar circumstances, and your Committee would recommend that the town allow to School District No. 10 the sum of $200 on the condition that they erect a suitable School House of dimensions not less than they now propose."

Article 22. The Committee chosen on the 7th ult°. to take into consideration the subject of reducing the hill near the house of F. W. Paine, made a Report which was read and accepted ; in which they say that "in the opinion of your Committee it is expedient that the road in the steepest part of the hill be reduced not less than four feet, the travelled way be worked at least twenty four feet wide and the road be removed so far to the east as to leave a suitable side walk for foot passengers on its west side"—"they would respectfully recommend that the town appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars for the improvement above mentioned."

Voted, to choose a Committee of three to carry into effect, the objects embraced in the Report.

Voted, the Committee who have the charge of the Roads & Bridges, in the town, be this Committee.

Voted, for the carrying into effect several votes already passed, that the further sum of One thousand, one hundred and five dollars, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such property of non-resident proprietors as may be in the town and liable to taxation, for the following named purposes, to wit :

To assist School District No. 4 in removing their School House	$30
To assist School District No. 10 to build a new School House	200
To widen the Bridge over the Canal near Washington Square	175

To reduce the Hill near the House of F. W. Paine 700

making $1,105

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held March 19th, 1842, all the Board present, the following appointments were made for one year, viz.

*John Field, Sealer of Weights and measures.

Samuel Harrington, Sexton.

*Samuel Harrington, Keeper of the Pound.

*William M. Bickford, *Charles Boardman, *E. G. Pratt, *Adolphus Taft, *Fred. Cutting, *Francis Harrington, Jos. A. Gilbert, *Adolphus Baylies, Measurers of Wood & Bark.

By order of the Selectmen of Worcester,

F. Wm. Paine, Chairman.

To Charles A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of Worcester.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester, March 22, 1842.

To C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of Worcester,

Sir, *Mr. Marson Eaton is hereby appointed Measurer of Wood & Bark for the current year.

By order of the Selectmen of Worcester,

F. W. Paine, Chairman.

*Mr. George A. Chamberlain is hereby appointed a measurer of Wood and Bark for the year ending April 1, 1843.

April 4, 1842 — F. W. Paine, Henry Goulding, Darius Rice, Wm. Barber } Selectmen of Worcester.

To C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of Worcester.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing Warrant on Saturday this thirtieth day of April A. D. 1842, the following proceedings were had, viz. The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Clerk. F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

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* Sworn.

Article 2. Voted, that the Selectmen for the time being, be the Agents of the Town to defend or prosecute any suit at Law in which the town now are or may hereafter be interested.

Article 3d. "Voted, that the town do hereby release and discharge Francis Grout from all liability to respond for any alledged neglect of duty as Highway Surveyor in the year ending March 7, 1842 and especially from any liability that he is or in any event might be under to the town in consequence of any claim of damage made by William Shurtleff against the town for which an action is now pending against the town and that the town assume all responsibility growing out of the supposed cause of action sued for by said Shurtleff.

Article 4th. Subject matter of this article [a new engine and suction hose for Engine Company No. 2.] refered to Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, to report thereon at the next town meeting.

Article 5th. Voted, to grant School District No. 6. the sum of One hundred dollars to aid them "in repairing and improving the School Buildings of said District."

Article 6th. [To reannex estate of James Estabrook to District No. 6.] Indefinitely postponed.

Article 7. The Selectmen made a Report (which was filed in the Town Clerk's Office more than seven days prior to this meeting) which was read by the moderator, and accepted and is in part as follows.

"The Selectmen define said road [part of Front Street] as follows.—Begining at a point on the south wing wall of the western abutment of the Bridge in Washington Square, which shall be fifty three feet and one inch from the south side of the stone stores of Silas Bailey near said Bridge, thence north 75¾° West, eighteen rods and six links to the northwest corner of the house of Elisha Harkness before named—thence north 77° West, twenty two rods and ten links to a point which shall be seventy two feet nearly south from the South-west corner of the house of Samuel Rice on Spring Street, and said road being three rods wide and north of the before-mentioned line."

"As a part of the above road is laid out as a County road the town can have no power to alter the original location: but believing the aforesaid location to be the original one we recommend the town to accept it but without waiving any right the public or the town may have acquired by occupancy of land north of it except so far as is recommended by the Selectmen in their

report on the eleventh article of the Warrant of last November and bearing date herewith." [See page 221, this volume.]

"By the above location the fences of Mr. C. Boardman and Stephen Bartlett are within the location several feet and we have no doubt they have encroached on the road."

Article 8. Voted, that the Roads and Bridges within the Town be repaired entirely by the Highway Surveyors, who were chosen on the seventh day of March last, instead of the Committee who were chosen on the fourth day of April last.

Voted, that the above named Committee, be a Committee to superintend the widening of the Bridge in Washington Square and also the reduction of the hill near F. W. Paine's house.

Voted, that the abovenamed Committee be authorized [to dispose] of the property which they have purchased for working upon the Roads, and to get the laborers, whom they have hired, to give up their contracts, at the least possible loss to the town.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Worcester, June 8, 1842.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Worcester held May 30th, 1842 Thomas B. Eaton was appointed Sexton for the remainder of the municipal year, and John H. Knight was appointed Pound Keeper & to have the care of the Town Hall for the same period and both until others shall be appointed in their room.

By order of the Selectmen of Worcester,

F. W. Paine, Chairman.

Charles A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of Worcester.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester holden at the Town Hall on Saturday this 10th day of September A. D. 1842, at 4 o'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, viz.

F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the second Monday of November next, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

[The warrant for this meeting contained articles in reference to construction of reservoirs, alteration of an engine, and compensation to W. T. Merrifield for making Union Street.]

Worcester, Sept. 26, 1842.

*Mr. Lorenzo Billings has been appointed by the Selectmen of Worcester to be Pound Keeper until the expiration of the present municipal year. Per order of the Selectmen of Worcester.

F. W. Paine.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, holden pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on Monday, this fourteenth day of November A. D. 1842 at 9 o'clock A. M. F. W. Paine Chairman of the Board of Selectmen presiding (the whole of the Board being present) the following votes were cast, to wit:

For Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was fourteen hundred & twelve.

John Davis had eight hundred & twenty eight.
Marcus Morton had five hundred & thirty nine.
Samuel E. Sewall had forty four.
John Quincy Adams had one.

For Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was fourteen hundred & thirteen.

George Hull had eight hundred & twenty seven.
Henry H. Childs had five hundred & thirty seven.
William Jackson had forty eight. John Pierpont had one.

For Senators.

The whole number of Ballots was fourteen hundred and seven.

Solomon Strong had eight hundred & twenty five.
Alexander DeWitt had eight hundred & twenty five.
James Allen had eight hundred & twenty three.
John Wright had eight hundred & twenty.
Dan Hill had eight hundred & twenty two.
John Spurr had five hundred & thirty three.
Isaac Davis had five hundred & thirty two.
Benjamin Estabrook had five hundred & thirty three.
Nathaniel Wood had five hundred & thirty three.
Arial Bragg had five hundred & thirty two.
Charles Humphreys had forty eight.
I. R. Barbour had forty eight.
Phinehas Bemis had forty seven.
Enoch Whittemore had forty six.
Eyward B. Bigelow had forty eight. John Boynton had one. A. D. Foster had one. Samuel May Jr. had one. Anthony Chase had one.

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* Sworn.

For a Representative in Congress of U. S. A.

The whole number of Ballots was thirteen hundred & eighty two.

Charles Hudson had eight hundred & thirteen.

Pliny Merrick had five hundred & eighteen.

Rhodolphus B. Hubbard had one—Isaac Davis had one—George Allen had one—Phinehas Crandall forty six.

The votes having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as on this and the preceding page, declaration thereof was made, & returns according to Law were made and sealed up in open town meeting.

Some few votes for Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth having been received by the Selectmen, before taking a vote as to the number of Representatives that the town will send, it was Voted that the town send Three Representatives to the General Court the coming session, and that the town confirm the doings of the Selectmen in receiving the votes already cast, they all having the names of three persons upon each Ballot.

The votes for Representative to the General Court of Mass. having been brought in, assorted and counted, were for the following persons, to wit: Thomas Kinnicutt had eight hundred & fifteen. Nathaniel Brooks had eight hundred & twenty. Fitzroy Willard had eight hundred & eighteen. Benjamin B. Spalding had five hundred & nineteen. Charles Bowen had five hundred & nineteen. Josiah Brittan Jr. had four hundred & eightyeight. Edward Earle had fifty. Charles Davis had fifty two. Jeremiah Bond had fifty one. John M. Earle two. Albert Tolman one. Edwin Conant one. Charles H. Hill one. Henry Heywood one. Phinehas Crandall one.

The whole number of Ballots for Representatives was thirteen hundred and ninety eight. Necessary to a choice seven hundred.

Thomas Kinnicutt had 815 Nathaniel Brooks had 820 Fitzroy Willard had 818 and they were chosen.

Art. 5. F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Art. 6. Voted, to choose a Committee of five, to take the subject matter of this article [construction of reservoirs, etc.] into consideration, and report at the annual March Meeting, and Pliny Merrick, H. W. Miller, Wm. A. Wheeler, Joel Wilder & Levi A. Dowley were chosen.

Art. 7. Voted, that Fire Engine No. 5 be altered to a Suction Engine at the expense of the Town, and that the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be a Committee to carry this vote into effect.

Art. 8. Voted, that a Committee, consisting of five persons, be chosen to take the subject matter of this article [Union Street] into consideration, and report thereon at the annual March meeting, and John W. Lincoln, John Wright, Is. Davis, Pliny Merrick, Thoˢ. Kinnicutt were chosen.

Art. 9. Voted, that the town will light and support Lamps in Green and Trumbull Streets, not exceeding fifteen in number, when put in proper condition by the individuals applying therefor, to the acceptance of the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 10. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase a Clock for the Town Hall.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

To C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of Worcester.

Worcester, Nov. 15, 1843.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Worcester held Octʳ. 29, 1842 Mr. James Snow was appointed a Measurer of Wood & Bark for the current year. By order of the Selectmen of Worcester.

F. W. Paine, Chairman.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester holden at the Town Hall on Monday, this thirteenth day of February A. D. 1843 at two o'clock P. M. the whole of the Board of Selectmen being present, F. W. Paine called for the Ballots for a Representative in Congress, according to the directions in the foregoing Warrant, (after the Town Clerk had called the meeting to order and read said Warrant) and the ballots having been brought in, assorted & counted it was found that the whole number was Eleven hundred & sixty.

Charles Hudson of Westminster had six hundred & sixty.
Pliny Merrick of Worcester had four hundred and forty.
Phineas Crandall of Worcester twenty five.
Rhodolphus B. Hubbard had one. Alfred D. Foster had one.
Wm. B. Earle three. John Davis had one.

The votes for a Representative in Congress having been received assorted and counted, were recorded, as per preceding page, [original record] and declaration thereof made, and a return, according to Law was made out and sealed up in open Town meeting. Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of this town, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, held in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on this sixth day of March A. D. 1843 at nine o'clock A. M. the following proceedings were had, viz.

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and having read the Warrant called upon the voters to bring in their Ballots for a Moderator to preside at said Meeting: the Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted it appeared that John W. Lincoln was chosen, and he took the Chair.

Article 2d. Voted to choose Five Selectmen: also voted that the Treasurer be Collector of Taxes.

The Moderator then called upon the voters to bring in their Ballots for Town Clerk, for Five Selectmen & for a Treasurer & Collector at the same time, which having been done and the Ballots assorted & counted the result was as follows, viz.

For Town Clerk, the whole number was 634 Necessary to a choice 318 Charles A. Hamilton had 461 and was chosen, and the Moderator administered to him the oath of office in open town meeting.

For Selectmen, the whole number of Ballots was 656 Necessary to a choice 329 *John W. Lincoln had 452 *Fred. Wm. Paine had 459 *Henry W. Miller had 460 †Edward Earle had 457 *Darius Rice had 458 and they were chosen.

For a Treasurer & Collector of Taxes the whole number of Ballots was 630 Necessary to a choice 316 Stephen Bartlett had 407 and was chosen.

The Ballots for Assessors and Overseers of the Poor having been called for, it having been voted to have three of each, the Ballots were brought in, assorted and counted, the result was as follows, to wit. For Assessors, the whole number of Ballots was 384 Necessary for a choice 193 *Fred. Wm. Paine had 320 George T. Rice had 319 Declined *Edwd. H. Hemenway had 319 and they were chosen.

For Overseers of the Poor, the whole number of Ballots was 373 Necessary to a choice 187 Nathan Heard had 283 John Hammond had 299 John Barnard had 295 and they were chosen.

A Committee consisting of B. F. Heywood, Thos. Chamberlain & Joseph Pratt was chosen to report the names of seven persons for Constables, and they reported the names of *Ivers Phillips,

*Sworn. †Affirmed.

*Charles P. Bancroft, *Leonard W. Stowell, *Asa Matthews, Wm. R. Wesson, *Claudius B. Long, George Hobbs, and they were chosen. It was afterwards voted, upon the motion of F. W. Paine made as he said by request, that there be three more Constables, and *George B. Conklin, *John H. Knight, *Benj^{a}. B. Otis were chosen.

Voted, not to choose any Tithingmen.

Voted, to choose Twelve Field Drivers, and Wm. M. Bickford, *Sabin Kelton, *Charles Hersey, Chas. A. Hamilton, *Oliver Bond, *Charles Ballard, *Thomas Lewis, *Levi Gates, Nathl. Tead, *Luther G. Moore, *George Dennis, Leonard Brigham were chosen. Voted to add one to the above and *Hiram Gorham was chosen.

Voted to choose five Fence Viewers, and *John Flagg, *Thos. Chamberlain, *Luther G. Moore, *Jabez Rice, *John F. Clark were chosen.

Voted to choose five Surveyors of Lumber, who shall also be Surveyors of Shingles and Clapboards, and *Walter R. Bigelow, *James S. Woodworth, *Horatio N. Tower, *Henry Goulding, *Wm. T. Merrifield, were chosen.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a suitable number of persons to be measurers of Wood, Bark & Charcoal. Also, a Sealer of Weights & Measures. Also a Pound Keeper.

Voted, to choose one person as a Prudential School Committeeman, in each School District except the first, which is hereby permitted to choose its own, and in No. 2 Charles Blair, 3 Thos. Sutton, 4 Pitt Holmes, 5 Reuben Tatman, 6 Seth Fisher, 7 Jon^{a}. Harrington, 8 George W. Rugg, 9 John F. Clark, 10 Thos. Aldrich, 11 Thos. Chamberlain, 12 Isaac Lamb, 13 John F. Boice were chosen.

Voted, to postpone the choice of the Town School Committee to the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 3. The Ballots for a County Treasurer having been called for, were brought in, and the whole number was Three hundred and twenty five and were all for Anthony Chase.

Article 4. Voted, to choose a Committee of five, to make a report, at the adjournment of this meeting, of an estimate of the amount of money it will be necessary to raise to defray the expenses of the town the current year, and Levi A. Dowley, Geo. Hobbs, Is. Davis, F. W. Paine & S. Salisbury were chosen.

Article 5. Voted that the Assessors perform the same duties and have the same compensation as they had last year.

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Article 6. Voted, that the Treasurer be Collector of Taxes: that he have the same compensation, and that he make the same abatements to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within 30, 60 or 120 days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to him, as last year, and that he be governed by the same instructions.

Article 7. [To fix time within which taxes shall be paid]. Voted, within the period as voted last year.

Article 8. Voted, that the Roads and Bridges be repaired as last year; by Twelve Highway Surveyors—A Committee of nomination consisting of thirteen, was appointed to nominate Twelve suitable persons to be Highway Surveyors and they reported the following named persons to wit.

District No. 1 *John W. Lincoln, 2 *Elias Prouty, 3 *Nath[l]. P. Gates, 4 *Joel Hubbard, 5 *Brigham Goss, 6 *Nahum Flagg, 7 *Dan[l]. Harrington, 8 *John Barnard, 9 *Job H. Briggs, 10 *Walter H. Davis, 11 *Thomas Nichols, 12 *John Mann.

Article 9. [Expense of burials.] Passed over.

Article 10. Voted, that the town do "take charge of and defray the expenses of the Clocks of the first and second Parishes the current year."

Article 11. Voted, that the town do "cause the Public Lamps in the Centre School District to be lighted the current year."

Article 12. Voted, that the Town do "cause a Bell to be rung at Noon and at Nine o'clock P. M. the current year."

Article 13. Voted, that the Town do not suspend the operation of the Laws respecting the Killing certain kinds of Birds.

Article 14. Voted, that the Town do authorize the Prudential Committees of the several School Districts to contract with the Teachers of their respective School Districts.

Article 15. [Compensation of Firemen.] Consideration of, postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 16. The report of the Selectmen was read by F. W. Paine.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to oppose the laying out of a road "from the Holden line to meet the Hardwick road near the house of D. Cook."

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration the subject of providing gravel for the repairs of the High-

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ways in the Centre School District & report thereon at the adjournment.

Voted "that the Selectmen be authorized to pave the gutter on the north side of Front Street from the corner of Main Street to the Norwich Rail Road and also a place on the north side of Thomas Street near the house of P. Goddard; and also that a paved crossing be made at the head of Columbian Avenue. (Market [now Exchange] Street.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to sell and convey the lot of land owned by the Town near the house of Hollowel P. Partridge, (Red Mills District) on which a School House lately stood.

Voted, that Prudential School Committeemen be required to limit their expenditures to the amount to be received from the Town for the support of the Schools in their respective Districts.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to assign the mortgage which the Town holds upon the land intended for a Burying Ground on the Hardwick Road and recently sold to William A. Wheeler for $1271,,80 whenever said Selectmen deem it advisable to raise the money thereon for the use of the town.

Voted, that the prices of Coffins & other necessary expenses attending funerals, be refered to the Selectmen to regulate in their appointments of the Sexton.

Voted, that the Selectmen for the time being, be the Agents of the town, to oppose the location of all roads that they deem expedient, and that they have authority to appear before any Court to prosecute or defend any suit in which the town may be interested, with authority also to appoint any other person or persons to appear for them.

Voted, that the Report be accepted in full, and printed for the use of the Town.

Article 16. The report of the Overseers of the Poor was read by the moderator, accepted, and ordered to be printed with the report of the Selectmen.

Article 17. The Committee chosen Nov. 14, 1842 on the subject of Reservoirs, not being ready to make any report, it was voted that the Committee be enlarged by adding such members of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department as are not now on said Committee and that the Chief Engineer be directed to call a meeting of said Committee, and that they have authority to employ a Civil Engineer to make surveys.

Article 18. Voted that the Selectmen procure Runners for the Hearse.

Article 19. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to light and warm the Town Hall, at the expense of the Town, "for the use of the Washingtonian Temperance Society, one evening each week" so long as said Society shall adhere to their principles of Strict Temperance and do not meddle with politics or any foreign subject.

Articles 20, 26 & 28 [aid to School Districts], refered to the Selectmen to consider and report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 21. Refered to Selectmen, to report at the adjournment.

Article 22. Refered to a Committee of 14 to report at the adjournment—2 to be chosen from School District No. 1 and one from each of the other Districts—Selectmen, except the Chairman to be a Committee of nomination—District No. 5 not to be represented in Committee—and Levi A. Dowley, Benj[a]. F. Thomas No. 1; Charles Blair 2, Jos. Curtis 3, Lewis Chapin 4, John Flagg 6. Dan[l]. Harrington 7, John Barnard 8, John F. Clark 9, Benj[a]. Reed 10, Tho[s]. Chamberlain 11, W[m]. Barber 12, John F. Boice 13 were chosen as said Committee.

Article 23. [Leave to A. D. Foster and John Coe to erect a Platform Balance near the Town Hall] Refered to Selectmen to report thereon at adjournment.

Article 24. [To raise the county road near mill of J. K. L. Pickford and enlarge or increase the number of arches in the bridge.] Refered to a Committee of three to be nominated by the Chair, and Benj[a]. Flagg, Tho[s]. Chamberlain, John Hammond were chosen.

Article 25. Selectmen authorized to make the alteration in the Town House petitioned for, by Engine Company No. 4.

Article 27. Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor follow the directions of the Law in relation to Paupers who have a settlement in other States.

Article 28. See top of this page [original volume].

Voted, that, when this meeting shall be adjourned, it be adjourned to the first Monday of April next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Voted that this meeting be now adjourned.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Mr. Charles A. Hamilton, Sir, The Selectmen have appointed

*Charles Davis, *Frederick Cutting, *Charles Boardman, *Francis Harrington, *E. G. Pratt, *Adolphus Baylies, *Adolphus Taft, *George A. Chamberlain, *James Snow, *Marson Eaton, Jr. as measurers of Wood, Bark & Charcoal for the present year.

Lorenzo Billings was also appointed Pound Keeper.

March 6, 1843. For the Selectmen,
John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester held on this third day of April A. D. 1843 at the Town Hall, at nine o'clock A. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, all the Board of Selectmen, except H. W. Miller, being present, J. W. Lincoln, Chairman of said Board, (after the Clerk had called the meeting to order and read the Warrant) called upon the voters to bring in their Ballots for an Inhabitant of Congressional District No. 5, to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1843, & the Ballot having been brought in, assorted and counted, the whole number was One thousand and seven.

Charles Hudson had six hundred and eighteen.

David Henshaw had three hundred and fifty three.

Phinehas Crandall had twenty four. Isaac Davis had five. J. Davis had two. J. M. Earle had one. Chas. Allen had one. Rhodolphus B. Hubbard had one. John Davis had one. Mr. Scattering had one.

Article 2d. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 3d. The Selectmen reported a list of persons suitable for Jurors which was read and accepted.

Article 4. Voted that the Treasurer & Collector of Taxes be authorized to prove any claims against insolvent estates for taxes due to the town and to take such legal measures as may be necessary to obtain payment therefor, with the advice and consent of the Selectmen.

Article 5. Voted that the Selectmen have authority to contract with Ira Bryant for the sale of "so much land in front of his house on South Street as is between the land he now owns and a straight line of South Street on the south side extended from Main Street," and to give a deed thereof.

Article 6. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to establish the east line of the Common between Front and South Streets.

Article 7. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to build a

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Tomb, or if the Tomb built by Samuel Harrington can be purchased for a less sum than would build another, the Selectmen are to purchase that.

Article 8. Voted that members of the Fire Department and Enginemen be exempted from serving as Jurors.

The Moderator stated the doings of the Selectmen with regard to the appointment of a Sexton & the prices which had been determined upon for the various kinds of Coffins and for other services. Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town held at the Town Hall on Monday this third day of April A. D. 1843, at two o'Clock P. M. by adjournment from the sixth day of March last, the following proceedings were had, viz.

Article 16. The Rev. Mr. Smalley read the report of the School Committee—and it was voted, in compliance with the recommendations of the Committee, to appropriate One hundred dollars for the purchase of Chemical Apparatus for the use of the Grammar School.

Voted to accept the Report and that it be printed.

Article 2. George T. Rice having declined the office of Assessor & having been excused by the Town, the Moderator called upon the voters to bring in their Ballots for an Assessor in place of Mr. Rice—The Ballots having been brought in, assorted & counted, the whole number was found to be two hundred and ninety eight. *Thomas Chamberlain had 191 & was chosen.

Voted to choose a Committee, consisting of one person from each School District, to nominate a Town School Committee, which nominating Committee reported the following names, to wit.

Maturin L. Fisher, Rev. Alonzo Hill, Rev. Elam Smalley, Rev. S. B. Swaim, Rev. Seth Sweetser, Rev. Jno. Jennings, Wm. N. Green, Chas. H. Hill, Henry G. Davis.

The Moderator called for the Ballots, Yea or Nay, for the above list; the Ballots having been brought in, it was found that they were unanimously elected.

Voted, to choose another Constable. Charles M. Deland was chosen.

Article 4. The Committee chosen on the 6th ult^{o}. to report an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray

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the expenses of the Town for the current year, made a report which was read by the Moderator.

A. D. Foster moved to amend the report by adding $100 to the sum named as salary of the Latin Grammar School Master, which was accepted.

Archibald Willard moved to amend the report by increasing the appropriation for the District Schools to the amount of last year, viz. $4800 which was accepted—Thos. Chamberlain moved an amendment by adding the sum of $500 to the amount appropriated for Highways, which was accepted.

Said report, as amended, is as follows, viz.

The Committee appointed at the meeting in March to prepare and submit to the Town at the adjournment of that meeting an estimate of the probable expenses of the town for the current year, have attended to the duty and recommend the town to raise the following sums—

For Roads & Bridges	$2,500
" District Schools	4,800
" Latin Grammar School Master	1,000
" Fuel & care of room for Latin Grammar School	45
" Officers of the Town	600
" support of the Poor	1,500
" Oil & lighting Lamps	500
" ringing Bells & repairing Clocks	80
" Funeral Expenses	150
" Fire Department	1,850
" Discount & Abatement of Taxes	1,000
" Interest on Town Debt	805
" Contingent expenses	300
	$15,130

The Committee are of the opinion that in consequence of the low price of all kinds of property, produce and labor, some economy can and ought to be introduced into the expenses of the town and have made their estimate accordingly—which is submitted,

L. A. Dowley, Chairman.

Voted, that the sum of Fifteen thousand, one hundred and thirty dollars be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such property of non-resident proprietors as may be in the town and liable to taxation.

Article 8. Voted that ten cents an hour be allowed for men

and teams to labor upon the Highways, and that the Surveyor of the District No. 1 for the time being, be authorized to cart the wash of the Streets upon the Common & deposit the same in such manner as will be most convenient for spreading over the land.

Article 16. [Report of Overseers of the Poor.] Further consideration of this article postponed to adjournment.

Article 17. [Union Street.] The Committee chosen Nov. 14, 1842, see page 232, made a report asking to be discharged from any farther consideration of the subject and recommending that no other action be had thereon by the town, which report was accepted.

The Committee chosen Nov. 14, 1842 (to which an addition was made March 6, 1843) on the subject of Reservoirs, made a report which was read, & the further consideration thereof was postponed to the adjournment of this meeting,and in the mean time the Selectmen are to cause an investigation to be made of the quantity and quality of the water in Bladder Pond, and to examine said report as to its truthfulness---Selectmen to cause the result of their doings to be printed and distributed.

Article 15. Voted that the Town accept the 19th, 20th & 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, and that the Enginemen receive the same additional compensation as they received the last year, and that the farther consideration of the subject be postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

Articles 20, 26 & 28. The Committee to whom the subject matter of these articles was refered, made a report which was read and accepted

In relation to the petition of School District No. 1 the vote of acceptance was reconsidered and it was voted to give said District the sum of One hundred and sixty dollars instead of the proceeds of the sale of the lot near H. P. Partridge's from which the School House was removed as recommended by the Committee.

In relation to the petition of School District No. 9 the report was amended by giving to said District the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars instead of $200 recommended by the report, and that said sum of $250 "be paid said District when satisfactory evidence shall have been furnished the Selectmen that such House has been completed."

In relation to the petition of School District No. 10 the Committee recommend that the same sum be given to said District as was voted to be given them April 4, 1842 (See p. 226.) "under

the condition on which the allowance was made," "if called for within the present year" which report was amended by giving to the said District the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars.

Voted to accept the report as amended, and that the several sums to be given to the several Districts, to wit, in the whole $660 be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such property of non-resident proprietors as may be in the town and liable to taxation.

Article 24. Mr. Benj^{a}. Flagg made a verbal report, whereupon it was voted that a sum not exceeding Three hundred dollars be raised for repairing the road near J. K. L. Pickford's Mill in Tatnuck, and that the Selectmen be a Committee to expend the money in a proper manner.

Article 22. The Committee chosen on the sixth ult^{o}. made a report, but no action was had thereon. [See page 246.]

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of May next at two o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The Selectmen of the Town of Worcester in compliance with the provision of Law, having revised the list of Jurors, report the following names, April 3, 1843.

James F. Allen March 18/45 U.S.D.C. G. J.
Paine Aldrich April 16/44
Horace Ayres Sept. 25/43
Edward Babbit Mar. 5/43
Silas Bailey
Marshall S. Ballard April 15/45
Benj^{a}. Barber
Silas Barber March 18/45 U.S.D.C. P.J.
William Barber Apr. 16/44
Eben^{r}. L. Barnard
Baxter Barnes June 18/44
Stephen Bartlett Dec. 5/43
Lyman Bellows C.T.C.P. Sept 24/45
Zebina E. Berry Jan. 17/44
Wm. M. Bickford Sept. 25/43
Walter Bigelow Jr. Mar. 2/46
Walter R. Bigelow Dec. 2/45
Jonas Hartshorn Decr. 2/45
Henry Heywood C.T.C.P. Sept. [24/45
Warner Hinds
Geo. Hobbs May 27/44
Pitt Holmes
Henry P. Howe Oct. 16/43
Levi Howe [U.S.D.C. G.J.
Nathl. K. Johnson
John Jones April 14/46
Francis H. Kinnicutt Mar. 2/46
Levi Knowlton Oct. 16/44 [U.S.D.C. G.J.
Ansel Lakin
John Lees
John W. Lincoln
John Mann C.T.C.P. Sept. 24/45
Francis T. Merrick June 17/45
Wm. T. Merrifield June 20/43
Ashley Moore Dec. 22/43
Wm. G. Moore Sept. 3/44

Charles Blair Oct. 7/44
Tobias Boland Apr. 18/43
John B. Bond May 1/43
Joseph Bond June 18/44
Charles Bowen
George Bowen
Ebenr. H. Bowen
Joseph Boyden
Osgood Bradley
Moses T. Breck June 5/44
Josiah Brittan Jr. June 17/45
John H. Brooks Jr.
Nathl. Brooks May 28/45
Albert Brown
Willard Brown Sept. 5/43
Benja. Butman Oct. 16/43U.S.
Moore M. Chaffin [D.C. P.J.
Horace Chenery Jan. 17/44
Crim. term
Moses Clements May 27/44
Ebenr. Collier
Otis Corbett Grand Juror 1846
Albert Curtis
Joseph Curtis June 5/44
Tyler P. Curtis Sept. 5/43
Lewis Cutting
Charles Davis
Saml. Davis Grand Jury Sept. 24, 1844 Jany. 16 May 28
Enos Dorr Oct. 7/44
Levi A. Dowley April 14/46
Rufus D. Dunbar March 18/45
Edwd. Earle [U.S.D.C. P.J.
John M. Earle Grand Jury Jany. 16 May 28 Sept. 24 1844
Thomas B. Eaton Dec. 2/45
Jas. Estabrook Dec. 3/44
Benja. Flagg Dec. 3/44
Calvin Foster S.J.C. Oct. 6/45
Wm. B. Fox Sept. 25/44
Joseph A. Gilbert
Danl. Goddard Jan. 22/46
Isaac Goddard Jan. 22/45
Caleb Newcomb S.J.C. Oct. 6/45
Thomas Nichols
Fredk. Wm. Paine
Wm. Whipple Patch Grand Juror 1846
Dexter H. Perry Oct. 16/44 U.S.D.C. P.J.
Loring F. Perry Oct. 7/44
Samuel Perry
Horatio Phelps Jany. 22/46
Leonard Poole Mar. 18/45 U.S.
John Pratt [D.C. G.J.
Henry Prentice
Elias Prouty Apr. 15/45
Benja. Reed Jan. 22/46
Benja. P. Rice Grand Jury 1845
Darius Rice
Josiah Rice June 20/43
Jabez Rice S.J.C. Oct. 6/45
George W. Rugg Sept. 3/44
Draper Ruggles
Saml. B. Scott Grand Jury 1845
James Shepard May 28/45
John P. Southgate April 14/46
Uriah Stone Sept. 25/44
Samuel Stowell Jan. 2/44
William Stowell
John Sutton Oct. 2/43
Elisha Taft Mar. 6/44
Putnam W. Taft
Daniel Tatman
Albert Tolman
Lewis Thayer
Horatio N. Tower Sept. 2/45
Freeman Upham April 18/43
Benjamin Walker Dec. 5/43
Artemas Ward 2d Mar. 2/46
Ichabod Washburn Jany 22, 1845
William A. Wheeler March 4/45
Fitzroy Willard Sept. 2/45
David Woodward
James S. Woodworth June 5/44
Amos Wood June 5/44

Hiram Gorham March 4/45
Henry Goulding May 31/43
Wm. Greenleaf S.J.C. Oct.6/45
Dan[l]. Harrington May 31,1843
Jon[a]. Harrington May 1/43
Charles Hadwin Dec. 3/44
Worcester, April 3, 1843

Which is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the town

By order of the Selectmen,
John W. Lincoln,
Chairman.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester holden at the Town Hall by adjournment from the sixth day of March to third day of April both last past, and from said third day of April to this first day of May A. D. 1843, (being the first Monday in said May) at two o'Clock P. M. the following proceedings were had, to wit;

Article 4. Voted to raise the sum of Three thousand six hundred and twenty five dollars, by assessment upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town & upon such property of non-resident proprietors as may be in the town and subject to taxation, for the following purposes, to wit:

For repairing road near J. K. L. Pickford's	$300
" Millbury Road	2,500
" repairing old Turnpike road	500
" Chemical Apparatus	100
" Tomb	75
" Painting Fence around the Common	150
	$3,625

Article 16. Report of the Engineers of the Fire Department read by Moderator, and accepted---and is as follows, viz.

"I herewith submit a statement of the expenditures of the Fire Department from May 8, 1841 to May 1, 1843 which is as follows, viz.

Paid sundry bills as pr. my a/c rendered		380,,58
1843 May 1 By cash on hand to new a/c		1,,83
		$382,,41
By Cash on hand from old a/c	17,,41	
May 3, 1841 Cash rec'd of Selectmen	100,,---	
May 4, 1842 Cash " June 3, 1842	100,,---	
" " Mar. 3, 1843	100,,	
" " May 1, 1843	65,,——	$382,,41
1843. May 1. By balance from old a/c	183	

By vote of the town the Board of Engineers were directed to cause Engine No. 5 to be altered to a Suction Engine---shortly after said vote the Board rec^{d}. a proposition to Exchange the Engine for a new Suction Engine at a price so little above the proposal for alteration that it was deemed by the Board to be for the interest of the town to make the exchange which was done early in March with Messrs. L. Button & Co. of Waterford, N. Y. for the sum of $400--- and for which he received the check of the Selectmen.

The Machines &c. belonging to the Department are as follows

One Hook & Ladder Carriage carrying Hooks, Ladders, Axes, &c. &c.

One Tub Engine No. 2 which is old & of little value.

Four Suction Engines, (including the one exchanged for.)

100 feet Suction Hose. 1477 feet Leading Hose.

5 Hose Carriages. 79 Fire Buckets.

Axes, Wrenches Torches and many other articles for more particular description reference is made to the report of the Assistant Engineers.

It is now many years since the town purchased any Leading Hose and a portion of what we now have is quite old and bursts almost every time used. The Board would strongly urge upon the town the necessity of making an addition of 500 feet to the present quantity---together with a carriage---the cost would probably be about $370.

By the fire of March 6 the Engine House in Columbian Avenue was destroyed---an opportunity is now offered for enlarging the House about six feet in depth by the purchase of the land in the rear---the old House was quite too small for the accommodation of the Company and we would recommend that the Committee which was chosen at a former meeting to superintend the rebuilding of the House be authorized to purchase the land in the rear if it can be done at a price which they deem reasonable, and so to enlarge the House as to cover the land purchased.

The department have been called out the past year 9 times as follows.

May 12. The Car Factory of Bradley & Rice destroyed.

" 31. Barn of Horatio Gates, New Worcester, destroyed.

June 17. Machine Shop & Factory of Albert Curtis, New Worcester, destroyed.

Oct^{o}. 12. False alarm 3 o'clock P. M.

False alarm in evening.

Decr. 31. Shop on Salem Street belonging to Adolphus Morse destroyed.

1843 Jany. 31. Burning of a Chimney on Columbian Avenue in the evening.

Feb. 3. In a dwelling house of T. Boland on Temple Street, very little damage done.

March 6. Central Exchange, and buildings belonging to S. M. Burnside, & Engine House No. 6.

The number of men now allowed to man the Hooks & Ladders is quite too small and it is feared that unless a greater number can be allowed that no Company will be organized & I would recommend that the Board be authorized to pay at the expiration of the year Ten additional men if so many shall have done duty, the same compensation that the members of the Department receive.

All which is respectfully submitted,
By Henry W. Miller,
Chief Engineer of Worcester Fire Department.

Worcester, May 1, 1843.

Article 19. Voted to reconsider the vote passed March 6, 1843 in relation to lighting and warming the Town Hall for the use of the Washington Temperance Society.

Voted, that so much of the Income of the Town House as may be necessary therefor, be appropriated to the lighting and warming of the Town Hall one evening in each week, for the use of the Washington Temperance Society, upon the conditions stated in former vote.

Article 22. The Committee chosen on the sixth of March last, made a report which is as follows, to wit:

The Committee appointed by the town at the March meeting to consider the petition of J. F. Pond and others requesting to be set off from District No. 5 to that of No. 1 have attended to the duty assigned them---after a very full investigation of the subject they voted unanimously that it would in their judgment be inexpedient for the town to grant the petition, and instructed me to report accordingly. Levi A. Dowley, Chairman.

Worcester, March 13, 1843.

Voted to accept the foregoing Report.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden on this first day of May A. D. 1843, at two o'clock P. M. at the Town Hall, in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Article 1. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 2. Voted, that the Fence around the Common be painted at the expense of the town.

Article 3. Report of the Selectmen, read and accepted, and is, in part, as follows, viz. "they adjudged that the convenience of the public did require that the said road as prayed for, should be laid out and established, and they proceeded to locate said road as follows, . . Beginning on the east side of Summer Street on Lincoln Square and at the centre of the location of the old Boston and Worcester Turnpike, now discontinued as a public road, thence over the former location of said Turnpike North 88° east 194 rods ---South 82½° east 33 rods---North 80° East 50 rods---South 85-½° East 54 rods to road passing the house of Samuel Putnam--- South 85½° East 123 rods---South 87° East 43 rods to road passing the houses of Charles Bowen, Prentice & Bartlett & others--- the said road as located being 497 rods in length.

And the said road is laid out four rods wide being two rods from said line and on each side thereof and being wholly over and on the former location of the old Turnpike and conforming thereto---The owners of the land over which this section of the old Turnpike was located at the time of the location were Samuel Chandler Esquire, Hon[l]. Levi Lincoln, Messrs Charles Adams and Samuel Gates all of whom have deceased since that time---The fee of that land which was taken for the Turnpike which belonged to Hon[l]. Levi Lincoln deceased is now in William Lincoln Esq[r]. that owned by the late Mr. Charles Adams is now held by Messrs. Joel and Samuel Putnam---the land formerly owned by Samuel Chandler Esq[r]. and Mr. Samuel Gates adjoining the location of said old Turnpike has been sold to a number of different persons, but it is not understood that the fee of the land over which said Turnpike was located has ever been conveyed, it would therefore now belong to the Heirs of those Gentlemen, but being incumbered with so many rights of way over it, it cannot be of any value to any individual. No person has claimed any damage in consequence of the location of a town way over that portion of the old Turnpike before described, and in the opinion of the Selectmen no person can sustain any damage in consequence of such location, and no damage has been awarded therefor.

For the Selectmen of Worcester, John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Worcester, April 15, 1843.

The location of the foregoing town way was filed in the Town Clerk's Office agreeable to Law, April 18, 1843.

Article 4. The Selectmen, a Committee chosen on the 3d day of April last, made a Report which was read and accepted and is as follows, viz.

The Selectmen of the Town of Worcester to whom was refered the article in the Warrant for a Town Meeting in April in relation to the establishment of the east line of the Common, having attended to the duty assigned them, would respectfully recommend that the east line of the town's Common be established as follows.

Beginning with the South line of the land belonging to the First Baptist Society and thence extended northwardly in a strait line with the west side of the Stone Posts in front of the Baptist Church until it strikes the southwest corner of the Tavern Barn belonging to William Piper. And they would further recommend that the same line be extended from said south line of land belonging to the said Baptist Society southwardly to Green Street provided that the assent of Mr. Samuel Warden and Wife be obtained therefor, and that if Mr. Warden and wife or their heirs or assigns should agree to establish said line in front of their land that the Selectmen for the time being be authorised to exchange deeds with whomsoever may be the owner or owners of that estate for the establishment of the strait line abovementioned.

For the Selectmen, John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Worcester, May 1, 1843.

Voted, that the Selectmen for the time being be authorized to exchange deeds as recommended in their Report.

On the 3d day of April last the Selectmen were directed to cause an investigation to be made of the quantity and quality of the Water in Bladder Pond &c. &c. The Selectmen made a report stating that, for good reasons, they had not been able to make the proposed examinations, and ask leave for more time in which to obtain the desired information respecting Bladder Pond, "and that they be required to examine any other plan which may be proposed to obtain water for the same objects, with directions to report the information which they may obtain to the town at a future meeting of the Inhabitants."

Voted to accept the Report.

Article 5. Voted, that the Selectmen for the time being, be authorized to borrow such sum or sums of money, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes, as may be necessary for the then present use of the town.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester, April 7, 1843.

Charles A. Hamilton Esq. Clerk of the Town of Worcester.

Sir, I would notify that the Selectmen have appointed *Mr. John Field Sealer of Weights & measures for said town.

For the Selectmen, John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

A return of Eighty four Marriages, Forty four Births, & One hundred & forty four Deaths, (from May 1, 1842 to May 1, 1843,) was made to the Secretary of the Com°. in June, according to Law.

C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester, May 1, 1843.

This may certify that *Mr. William Leggate of Worcester has been appointed measurer of Upper Leather for said town for the present municipal year and untill a successor shall be appointed and qualified. For the Selectmen of Worcester,

John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

The Selectmen of the Town of Worcester have appointed *Leonard W. Stowell a Measurer of Wood, Bark and Charcoal in the town of Worcester until the first day of April next.

Worcester Oct°. 24, 1843. John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Worcester, October 24, 1843.

This may certify that *Mr. Perrin Bliss has been appointed Measurer of Wood, Bark & Charcoal within the Town of Worcester for the present year. John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, holden pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on Monday, this thirteenth day of November, being the second Monday in said November, in the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred & forty three, at 9 o'clock A. M. J. W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the whole of said Board being present; after the Clerk had called the meeting to order and read the Warrant, the Chairman took up the first article in the Warrant and it was

Voted to choose three persons to represent the Inhabitants of the town in the next General Court.

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* Sworn.

Articles 2 & 3. The Moderator then called upon the legal voters (and he defined the qualifications necessary to make them such) to bring in their votes for three Representatives on one Ballot, and also for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and five Senators on another Ballot, giving an opportunity to those persons who are aged, infirm or are desirous of leaving in the Cars or Stages, to vote out of alphabetical order. The votes having been brought in, assorted & counted were as follows, for Governor, the whole number of Ballots was, fifteen hundred & eighty three.

For George N. Briggs, Pittsfield, nine hundred & three.
" Marcus Morton of Taunton, five hundred & sixty six.
" Samuel Sewall of Roxbury, One hundred & eleven.
" John Pierpont, one. For Wendell Phillips, two.

For Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was fifteen hundred & eighty.

For John Reed of Barnstable, eight hundred & ninety nine.
" Henry H. Childs of Pittsfield, five hundred & sixty five.
" William Jackson of Newton, one hundred & twelve.
" Francis Jackson, two. James Boyle, two.

For Senators.

The whole number of Ballots was fifteen hundred & seventy nine.

For Levi Lincoln of Worcester, nine hundred.
" Solomon Strong of Leominster, eight hundred & ninety nine.
" Linus Child of Southbridge, eight hundred & ninety eight.
" Alexander DeWitt of Oxford, eight hundred & ninety nine.
" Dan Hill of Mendon, eight hundred & ninety five.
" Isaac Davis of Worcester, five hundred & fifty nine.
" John Spurr of Charlton, five hundred & fifty eight.
" Arial Bragg of Milford, five hundred & fifty eight.
" Walter A. Bryant of Barre, five hundred & fifty seven.
" Kilburn Harwood of Ashburnham, five hundred & fifty eight.
" Thomas W. Ward of Shrewsbury, one hundred & fourteen.
" Gilman Jones of Ashburnham, one hundred & sixteen.
" Nicholas Jenks of North Brookfield, one hundred & sixteen.
" Joseph Griggs of Millbury, one hundred & seventeen.
" Reuben Whitcomb Jr. of Harvard, one hundred & fifteen.
" Reuben Whitcomb, one. Wm. B. Earle, two. Francis Wood, two. James Davenport, two. Joshua T. Everett, two. Charles White, two. Daniel Bacon, one. A. D. Foster, one.

For Representatives to the General Court.

The whole number of Ballots was fifteen hundred & sixty five.

Necessary to a choice Seven hundred and eighty three.

For Thomas Kinnicutt, eight hundred & sixty eight.
" Fitzroy Willard, eight hundred & sixty six.
" Nathaniel Brooks, eight hundred & sixty one.
" Samuel Billings, five hundred & sixty.
" Daniel Stone, five hundred & fifty seven.
" Freeman Upham, five hundred & fifty nine.
" Lansford Wood, one hundred & thirty.
" Benjamin Goddard 2d, one hundred & thirty two.
" Jeremiah Bond, one hundred & twenty five.
" R. B. Hubbard, four. Lewis Chapin, one.

The votes having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as on this and the preceding page, declaration thereof was made, and returns according to Law, were made up and sealed in open town meeting.

Article 4. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 5. It was moved by J. F. Pond to refer the subject matter of this and the next article [in regard to altering the lines of School Districts 1 and 5 as to include William Morgan, John F. Pond, Sewall Rice and Nathaniel Stowell within No. 1; or to embrace the whole of District No. 5 within the limits of No. 1.] to the School Committee, but was lost by a large majority.

On motion of Wm. Greenleaf it was Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 6. Being contingent upon the preceding article it was Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 7. [To purchase a lot for a School House in District No. 13.] Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Board of Selectmen to report thereon at the next town meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, holden on Monday this twenty seventh day of November A. D. 1843, at 3 o'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Article 1st. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 2d. [Supply of water.] After a good deal of debate, on motion of F. W. Paine, the first vote, proposed by the Committee in their printed report, was put, and lost by a vote of 93 to 97. Afterwards a reconsideration of the last vote was moved by T. Kinnicutt Esq. and carried by a vote of 138 to 92; six

gentlemen, viz. Jno. Green, F. W. Paine, A. D. Foster, Geo. Bowen, T. Kinnicutt & Geo. T. Rice, stating that they would take the purchase of Bladder Pond off of the hands of the town, if they would purchase it, at any time within a year, if the town should desire them to do so, whereupon it was "Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase Bladder Pond, and the right to take water therefrom by means of an acqueduct to such places and parts of the town, and for such purposes as the town shall hereafter direct; provided the purchase can be made for a sum not exceeding Three hundred dollars; and provided that a legal title can be obtained."

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of this town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday, this fourth day of March A. D. 1844 at 9 o'clock A. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

The Clerk having called the meeting to order, and read the Warrant called upon the meeting to bring in their votes for a Moderator, which having been done, and the Ballots assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number was 274 Necessary to a choice 138 John W. Lincoln had 156 and was chosen.

Isaac Davis had 118.

The Moderator then called upon the voters to bring in their votes and deposite them in the proper Ballot Boxes for the office of Clerk, Treasurer & Collector and Selectmen, which having been done, and the votes assorted and counted, resulted as follows, to wit. The whole number of Ballots for Town Clerk was 578. Necessary to a choice 290 Charles A. Hamilton had 407 And took the oath of office before Rejoice Newton Esq. March 5, 1844 as per certificate on file.

The whole number of Ballots for Treasurer & Collector was 577 Necessary to a choice 289 *John Rice had 357.

The whole number of Ballots for Selectmen was 589 Necessary to a choice 295 *John W. Lincoln had 397 *Fred. Wm. Paine had 402 *Henry W. Miller had 403 †Edwd. Earle had 403 *Darius Rice had 403.

The Moderator then called for the votes for the offices of Overseers of the Poor, Assessors and County Treasurer, which having been brought in, assorted and counted, were as follows, viz.

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*Sworn. †Affirmed.

The whole number of Ballots for Overseers of the Poor was 268 Necessary to a choice 135 Alph^{s}. Merrifield had 221 John Hammond had 222 Eben^{r}. L. Barnard had 224.

The whole number of Ballots for Assessors was 282 Necessary to a choice 143 *Fred^{k}. Wm. Paine had 236 *Thos. Chamberlain had 236 *E. H. Hemenway had 236.

The whole number of Ballots for a County Treasurer was 256 Anthony Chase had 255. Two hundred & fifty five.
J. W. Lincoln had one.

Voted to choose Nine Constables by nomination, and the following named persons were chosen, to wit:

*Claudius B. Long, *Chas. P. Bancroft, *Leonard W. Stowell, *Levi Jackson, *Thornton A. Merrick, *Asa D. Whittemore, *Benj^{a}. Walker, *Saml. Banister, *Rufus Rice.

Voted to choose one Constable more, and *Asa Matthews was chosen.

Voted, not to choose any Tythingmen.

Voted, to choose Twelve Field Drivers, by nominations at large, and the following named persons were chosen, to wit:

*Fred^{k}. W. Gale, John B. Wyman, Sewall Thayer [no such person to be found] Maturin L. Fisher, *Jon^{a}. B. Grout, *Alex^{r}. H. Bullock, *Adam L. Harrington, *Asa T. Johnson, A. J. Brown, *Moore M. Chaffin, Elijah Hammond, *Sereno H. Perry.

Voted to choose two more Field Drivers, and *Stephen Chadwick & David T. Stowell, were chosen.

Voted to choose Five Fence Viewers, and the following named persons were chosen, to wit:

*John Flagg, *Thos. Chamberlain, *Jabez Rice, John F. Clark, *Luther G. Moore.

Voted to choose Five Surveyors of Lumber, who shall be, also, Surveyors of Clap boards and Shingles, and the following named persons were chosen, to wit:

*Walter R. Bigelow, Ja^{s}. S. Woodworth, *Horatio N. Tower, Henry Goulding, *Wm. T. Merrifield.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a sufficient number of persons to be measurers of Wood and Bark, also, Charcoal. Also, a Sealer of weights & Measures and a Pound Keeper.

Voted, that School District No. 1 be permited to choose their Prudential School Committeeman, and that the town now proceed

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to choose a Prudential School Committeeman for each of the other Districts, by nomination at large, and the following named persons were chosen,

No. 2 Elkanah Rich. 3 Levi Hardy. 4 Benj^{a}. Goddard 2d. 5 Saml. Perry 6 Seth Fisher. 7 Jonas Bartlett. 8 Josiah Brittan. 9 Oliver Lowell. 10 Jer^{h}. Rogers. 11 Amos R. Black. 12 Joel Flagg. 13 John F. Boice.

Voted, to postpone the choice of the Town School Committee to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to choose by nomination at large, five persons to be a Committee to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the town for the current year, and to make report thereof at the adjournment of this meeting, and Is. Davis, F. W. Paine, J. W. Lincoln, H. W. Miller & L. A. Dowley, were chosen.

Article 4. [Money for town expenses.] The consideration of this article postponed to the adjournment.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to two o'clock P. M.

At five minutes past two o'clock P. M. the meeting was opened by the Moderator, when it was Voted to add four to the number of Constables chosen in the forenoon, and *Wm. Greenleaf, *Benj^{a}. B. Otis, *Christopher Nason, *Tim^{o}. Keith were chosen.

Voted to add one more to the number of Constables, and *Joel Wilder was chosen.

Article 5. Voted, that the Assessors be instructed to make a new valution of the taxable property within the town the current year, and that they be paid Seventy five dollars in addition to their usual pay, for this years services, and that they perform also the duties heretofore required of them.

Article 6. Voted, that the Town Treasurer be Collector of Taxes: that he have the same compensation as was allowed last year; and that he make the same abatements to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within 30, 60 or 120 days from the time the tax bills shall be committed to the Collector as was made the last year, & that he be governed by the same instructions.

Article 7. Voted, that all taxes shall be paid within the period voted the last year.

Article 8. Voted, that the Roads and Bridges within the town be repaired by Highway Surveyors in the several Highway Districts, and that the same price be allowed for labor upon the Highways, as last year.

A Committee of nomination consisting of twelve was appointed by the Chair, to nominate Twelve suitable persons for Highway

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Surveyors for the current year, and they reported the following named persons, who were chosen by the town as follows, viz.

District No. 1 John Hammond (Excused). 2 *Elias Prouty. 3 *Joseph Curtis. 4 *Willard Earle. 5 *Samuel Perry. 6 *Nahum Flagg. 7 *Benj[a]. Harrington. 8 *John Barnard. 9 *Jonathan A. White. 10 *Elijah Stow. 11 *Thomas Nichols. 12 *Benj[a]. F. Gleason.

Article 9. Voted that the prices of Coffins and other necessary expenses attending funerals be the same as was established by the Selectmen last year, which were as follows, to wit:

For Bay Mahogany Coffins for Adults, with lining and glass			$12,00
" " " " "	without		10,50
" Spanish Cedar	(with lining and glass)		10,00
" " "	without " " "		8,50
" Cherry "	with " " "		8,50
" " "	without " " "		7,00
" Pine "	with " " "		4,75
" " "	without " " "		3,75
" Pine Coffins for Children, smallest size		without	1,50
" " " " "	less than 2 years old	"	2,00
" " " " "	2 to 3 yrs. 2 ft. 8 in.	"	2,25
" " " " "	3 to 5 yrs. 3 ft. 4 in.	"	2,75
" " " " "	5 to 7 yrs. 3 ft. 8 in.	"	3,00
" " " " "	7 to 10 yrs. 4 ft. 2 in.		3,25

The Coffins for Adults to be of usual size, and all to be made of good stock and workmanship. The prices of other sizes of Mahogany, Cedar and Cherry, to be in proportion to those named.

For Coffins for Adults, of Pine, without lining or glass, of inferior quality	3,00
" Engraved Coffin Plates, each,	1,00
" going to take the measure for a Coffin, if within the Centre School District	,25
" same beyond these limits	,50
" carrying Coffins to the House &c. if within the Centre School District	,50
" same beyond those limits	,75
" attendance at Funerals in the Center School District	1,25
" same beyond those limits	1,50
" digging the Grave and tolling the Bell	1,25

Article 10. Voted, that the town do "take care of and de-

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fray the expenses of the Clocks of the 1st and 2d Parishes the current year."

Article 11. Voted, that "the town will cause the Public Lamps in the Centre School District to be lighted the current year."

Article 12. Voted, that "the Town will cause a Bell to be rung at Noon and at 9 o'clock P. M."

Article 13. Voted, that "the Town" do not "suspend the operation of the Law respecting the Killing certain kinds of Birds."

Article 14. Voted, that "the Town do authorize the Prudential School Committeemen of the several School Districts to contract with the Teachers of their respective School Districts."

Article 15. [Compensation of Firemen.] Voted to postpone the consideration of this article to the adjourn^{t}.

Article 16. The Selectmen to whom the subject of procuring a lot of land and erecting a School House thereon for District No. 13 in November last, made a report, which was read and accepted, and is in part, as follows, to wit:

"The Selectmen are of opinion that it is right and proper that the town should provide the District with a good and suitable place for the instruction of their children---They would recommend that a Building be erected of 25 by 30 feet, of one story, and that it may be well ventilated, that the posts be not less than 10 ft. A particular estimate of the cost of such a Building has been promised but has not been furnished; it is believed to be worth about $500. The Selectmen are authorized by Col. Samuel Daman to say that he will furnish a suital le lot for a School House without charge to town."

Voted, that a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of building such a School house for District No. 13 as is recommended in the foregoing Report, and that the Selectmen be a Committee to cause it to be done.

The Selectmen made a Report upon the Financial condition of the town, which was read and accepted and ordered to be printed. In which is the following statement of "the number of minors and the proportion each (School) District is entitled to receive" as follows.

No. of District.	No. of Minors.	Proportion of $480	Proportion of $4,320	Total
1	2,424	—	2,969	2,969
2	103	40	126 16	166 16
3	200	40	244 97	284 97
4	88	40	107 78	147 78
5	107	40	131 06	171 06

No. of District.	No. of Minors.	Proportion of $480	Proportion of $4,320	Total
6	66	40	80 84	120 84
7	86	40	105 34	145 34
8	80	40	97 99	137 99
9	99	40	121 26	161 26
10	50	40	61 24	101 24
11	61	40	74 71	114 71
12	99	40	121 26	161 26
13	64	40	78 39	118 39
	3527	$480	$4,320	$4,800

In May 1833 the number of Minors in the Centre District was 1256
" " 1843 " " " " " " 2424
Increase 1168

In May 1833 the number of minors in all the other Districts was 1100
" " 1843 " " " " " " 1103
Increase 3

Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor receive the sum of One hundred dollars for their services the current year.

Voted, the Board of Selectmen, for the time being, be authorized to remove the permanent loan of the town, from the Savings Bank in Boston, to the Worcester County Institution for Savings, if the loan in this can be procured on as favorable terms as it is now held from the other Institution.

Voted, unanimously, that the Selectmen be directed to oppose the granting of the Petition of Henry Snow and others, for a road over Long Pond in this town.

Article 17. No report [of outstanding committees] being offered, further consideration postponed to adj^{t}.

Article 18. Voted that the town "will aid the cause of Temperance" by paying a sum not exceeding Two hundred dollars, for "lighting and warming the Town Hall for the Washington Temperance Society" subject to the same restrictions as were attached to the grant, the last year.

Article 19. Voted, that the subject of bringing water from Bladder Pond be refered to a Committee of seven, to report thereon at the adjournment, and B. F. Heywood, A. D. Foster, H. W. Miller, Thos. Chamberlain, L. A. Dowley, Wm. A. Wheeler & Alph^{s}. Merrifield were chosen. It was Voted to add five more to said Committee, residents out of District No. 1, and Eben^{r}. L. Barnard, John F. Pond, Silas Brooks, Benj^{a}. Flagg, and Albert Curtis were added.

Article 20. The subject of establishing a new High School, was refered to a Committee to consist of three persons from School District No. 1 and one person from each of the other School Districts, to be nominated by the chair, with instructions to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting, and the following named persons were chosen, to wit.

A. D. Foster, Ira M. Barton & Wm. A. Wheeler, No. 1.

Benj^{a}. Flagg 2. Albert Curtis 3. Lewis Chapin 4. Samuel Perry 5. Darius Rice 6. Danl. Harrington 7. Geo. W. Rugg 8. Cyrus Lovell 9. Walter H. Davis 10. Thos. Chamberlain 11. Horace Chenery 12. John F. Boice 13.

Article 21. [To procure a site and erect a House for said School.] Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the above named Committee.

Article 22. Voted that the town make an appropriation of a sum not exceeding Seven thousand dollars to build a School House where the "Centre School House" now stands, and if necessary to enlarge the lot by purchase of land; provided the "Centre School District" will release to the town, the proposed new School House and the land connected therewith.

Article 23. Voted that the subject matter of selling a piece of land to Ira Bryant, in front of his house on South Street (alias Park Street) be indefinitely postponed.

Article 24. Voted that the subject of reducing "Potash Hill" be refered to a Committee of five, to be chosen by nomination, with instructions to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting, and Lewis Barnard, D. W. Lincoln, Thos. Chamberlain, Saml. Perry & Alph^{s}. Merrifield were chosen. [Petition of William Dickinson and others.]

Article 25. Voted, that "the town will light four Lamps between the houses of John M. Earle and Ephraim Mower."

Article 26. Voted, that "the town will defray the expense of lighting the Lamps placed by John Coe & others" in Portland Street.

Article 27. Voted that "the town will be at the expense of lighting one Lamp in Park Street at the point where the Norwich Rail Road crosses the same, and the Lamp on Park Street near the Southeast corner of the Common, the Petitioners to erect Lamp Posts and place Lamps thereon."

Article 28. Voted that the subject matter of this article [Petition of Walter Bigelow and others to reduce the hill near Brittan's Brick Yard] be refered to the Committee chosen under the 24th article.

Article 29. Voted, that the Town will allow the same compensation to the Washington Engine Company (No. 5) for their services the past year as was allowed to the other Enginemen.

Article 30. Voted that the subject of remunerating John H. Brooks Jr. for the loss of his Horse, and damage to his Carriage in Salisbury's Pond, in November last, be refered to a Committee of three, to be chosen by nomination, and Thos. Chamberlain, John Hammond & John F. Pond were chosen.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of April next, at two o'clock P. M.

Adjourned C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday, this first day of April A. D. 1844 at two o'clock P. M., J. W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen (all of the Board being present) called the meeting to order, and read the Warrant for calling the meeting, which is recorded on this & the preceding page, and then called upon the voters to bring in their votes for County Commissioners, & Special Commissioners under the first article in said Warrant.

The Ballots for Commissioners having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number was Five hundred and sixteen.

William Crawford of Oakham had three hundred and sixty.
Jerome Gardner of Harvard had three hundred and sixty two.
Joseph Bruce of Grafton had three hundred and sixty two.
Adam Harrington of Shrewsbury had one hundred and fifty four.
Warren Humes of Douglas had one hundred and fifty four.
Gardner Ruggles of Hardwick had one hundred and fifty four.

For Special Commissioners.

The whole number of Ballots was Five hundred and fifteen.

Jason Goulding of Phillipston had three hundred and sixty two.
Stephen Davis of Oxford had three hundred and sixty two.
Dexter Gilbert of Templeton had one hundred and fifty three.
Sullivan Thayer of Uxbridge had one hundred and fifty two.
Otis Adams of Grafton had one.

The votes for County Commissioners, as above recorded, having been brought in, assorted and counted, public declaration thereof was made, and a legal return was made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

Article 2. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 3. Voted, that the town do not light the Lamp near the Meeting House of the Second Baptist Church in Pleasant Street. [Petition of Austin G. Fitch and others.]

Article 4. [Petition of Charles Washburn and another for lamp at Summer and Arch streets.] Indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. [Petition of Stephen G. Weston and others for lamp at Vernon and Water streets.] Same. Same.

Article 6. [Petition of S. M. Burnside for lamp at Elm and Chestnut streets.] Same. Same.

Article 7. [Petition of Wm. A. Wheeler to have a bell rung at sunrise.] Same. Same.

Article 8. [Petition of Edward Earle and others for lamp at Summer and School streets.] Same. Same.

Article 9. [Petition of D. Waldo Lincoln to grade and repair Pleasant Street between West Street and house of Austin G. Fitch.] Voted to lay upon the table.

Article 10. Voted that the Methodist Society in this town, in consideration of their Meeting House having been burnt, be permitted to use the Town Hall, for their place of meeting for religious worship, in the day time, on the Sabbath, untill the first of October next, free of charge.

Article 11. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Selectmen, with the instruction, that if they think the room in the Town House, heretofore appropriated to the use of the Worcester Guards, is not sufficient for their Armory, the said Selectmen may authorize, and pay for, the renting of a suitable room. [Petition of L. Lincoln Newton and others.]

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to Monday next, (the 8th instant) then to be holden at the same place, at 1 o'clock P.M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday, this first day of April A. D. 1844 at 2 o'Clock P. M. by adjournment from the fourth day of March last, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Article 2d. John Hammond declined serving as Highway Surveyor for District No. 1, and he was excused—Voted that there be a nominating Committee, to consist of three persons, to be appointed by the Chair, to nominate some suitable person to be Highway Surveyor in District No. 1---said Committee, consisting of L. A. Dowley, F. W. Paine & Geo. T. Rice reported the name of *Alpheus Merrifield, who was chosen.

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* Sworn.

Voted, that the Chair appoint a Committee of one from each School District to nominate some suitable persons for a School Committee, which nominating Committee reported the following names, to wit:

Rev^{d}. Alonzo Hill, Rev^{d}. Seth Sweetser, Rev^{d}. Saml. B. Swaim, Rev^{d}. Elam Smalley, Rev^{d}. John Jennings, Wm. N. Green, Chas. H. Hill, Samuel F. Haven & Chas. W. Hartshorn, and they were unanimously elected by Ballots of yea.

Article 4. The Committee, chosen on the fourth ult^{o}. to report what sum of money ought to be raised the current year, made a report which was read by the Moderator---Voted, that the report be amended by striking out an appropriation of $200 for lighting and warming the Town Hall for the use of the Washington Temperance Society. Voted that the report be farther amended by striking out the appropriation of $750 for "Oil & Lighting Lamps." Voted, that the report be farther amended by adding $200 to the appropriation for the Fire Department. Voted, that the report be farther amended by adding the sum of Two hundred dollars to the appropriation "for the support of District Schools."---and said report, as amended, was accepted, and is in part as follows, to wit:

"For repairing of Roads & Bridges	$2,600.00
For the support of District Schools	5,000.00
For the salary of the Teacher of Grammar School	1,000.00
Compensation of Assessors	275.00
Chairman of Selectmen	100.00
Overseers of the Poor	100.00
Treasurer & Collector	250.00
For the support of the Poor	1,800.00
Bells & Clocks	85.00
Funeral Expenses	200.00
Fire Department	2,050.00
Discount and abatement of Taxes	1,000.00
Interest on Town Debt	1,000.00
For new School House in District No. 13	500.00
Fuel & care of room for Latin Grammar School	45.00
Contingent expenses	800.00
Towards liquidation of Town Debt	1,000.00"
	17,805.00

Voted, that the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Five Dollars, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester and upon such property of Non-residents, as is in the Town and liable to taxation.

Article 15. Voted that the Town do accept the 19th, 20th & 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, and that the "Leading Hosemen" have the "additional allowance" of Ten dollars each; and that the other members of the Fire Department have the "additional allowance" of Five dollars each for their services for the current year.

Article 16. Wm. N. Green read the report of the School Committee of the last year, which was accepted and ordered to be printed for the use of the Inhabitants of the Town.

Article 17. No reports [of outstanding committees] offered.

Article 19. The report of the Committee chosen on the 4th ult°. was read by the Moderator---report accepted, and the following vote recommended by the Committee was adopted, to wit:

"Voted, That the sum of Five hundred dollars be granted and paid annually, to any individual or Company of said town, who shall cause the Water of Bladder Pond to be brought into the street agreeable to the plan and printed report of the Selectmen made to the town and published in 1843, together with all the rights and privileges of the town to said Pond, so long as said individual or Company shall continue said aqueduct in successful operation for the extinguishment of fires; until the net income of said individual or Company arising from the rent of water together with the aforesaid sum of five hundred dollars shall amount to more than six per cent. on the Capital Stock actually paid in and expended in the construction of said aqueduct---On the occurrence of which event, the excess of income over and above paying all the necessary expenses of said Company or Individual and six per cent on the Capital Stock so paid in & expended, shall accrue to the town; to that extent, to diminish the sum appropriated by the town---And whenever the net annual income as aforesaid shall be equal to six per cent. as aforesaid exclusive of the money paid by the town, then the said appropriation of Five hundred dollars shall cease wholly, but all the aforesaid rights and privileges of the Pond shall forever continue in the aforesaid Company or Individual---And further, that the Selectmen of the town for the time being shall, at all times, have free access to the Books and papers of said Company, Corporation or Individual for the purpose of determining the amount of income as aforesaid---And also that in case the aqueduct shall be extended beyond the limits of the aforesaid plan & report, the town shall have the right to require them to put in such further and additional number of Hydrants as the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department of the town shall judge necessary---the town paying the

additional expense of such additional number of Hydrants---And all the aforesaid terms and conditions shall extend to the extended line of aqueduct as appertain to that of the original portion, according to the plan.

And further that the town shall have the right to require said Company to extend the line of this aqueduct to any point they may deem necessary by paying the expense of such extension.

Or the town will pay such company or individual, for the use of said aqueduct for the extinguishment of fires, four hundred dollars, annually, so long as it is kept in full and efficient operation, if said company or individual should prefer, and so notify the Selectmen previous to the location of said aqueduct. In either case the rights, privileges and obligations of the parties to remain as before stated."

Article 11. Voted to reconsider the vote passed on the 4th ult°. whereby the town voted that they would cause the Lamps in the Centre School District to be lighted the current year---It was then Voted that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Articles 25, 26 & 27. Voted, to reconsider the votes passed on the fourth ult°. under the several articles, whereby the town voted to cause certain Lamps, named therein, to be lighted the current year---It was then Voted that the subject of all said articles be indefinitely postponed.

Article 18. Voted, to reconsider the vote passed on the fourth ult°. whereby the town voted to pay, for warming and lighting the Town Hall for the use of the Washington Temperance Society, a sum not exceeding $200---It was then Voted, that the town grant the use of the Town Hall, free of charge, to the Washington Temperance Society, for the purpose of holding their regular stated meetings, and also at such other times as they may desire, with the assent of the Board of Selectmen.

Articles 20 & 21. The report of the Committee chosen on the 4th ult°. to take into consideration the subject of an English & Classical High School was read by Judge Barton, the Chairman of said Committee not being able to be out of his house.

Voted, that said report be amended by striking out of the first resolution in said report, the following words to wit: "The Board of Overseers of Schools in the Centre District shall have the right of visiting said school and reporting its condition to the Town School Committee"---It was then Voted (93 to 40) that the town do adopt the first Resolution recommended in said Report, which is in the words following, after the above named erasure, to wit:

Resolved, that there be established in the Centre School District,

a School for the benefit of all the Inhabitants of the Town, to be called, "The Classical and English High School" open to scholars of both sexes and capable of accommodating at least Seventy five Boys and One hundred Girls.

This School shall be substituted for the present Latin Grammar School, and be under the charge of a male Principal with such male or female assistants as may be competent to its thorough management and instruction.

The studies in this School shall comprehend the Latin, Greek & French Languages together with the mathematics and the higher English branches usually taught in Academies and Female Seminaries.

The course of study shall be arranged so that those who intend to obtain a Classical education may have opportunity to pursue uninterruptedly the studies necessary for admission to College; and that those who are desirous of being fitted for practical life, or of receiving a thorough English education may have equal opportunity for that purpose.

This School shall be under the superintendence of the town School Committee, who shall contract with the teachers, and shall frame the rules for admission to the school so as to secure the elevated character of a truly Classical and English High School. They shall also frame such rules or bye-laws for the government and regulation of the school as will in their judgment most conduce to its success. The degree of knowledge required for entrance shall be equal at least to the average acquirements attainable in the various schools from which promotions to this are to take place. The internal arrangement of the school shall be such as to bring the two sexes into contact with each other so far as to promote the best mutual influence upon mind and manners."

Voted, that the further consideration of this report be postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, this meeting be now adjourned to Monday next, the 8th instant, then to be holden at this place at 1 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday, this eighth day of April A. D. 1844 by adjournment from the first instant, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, J. W. Lincoln, and the report of the Committee, chosen under the 20th &

21st articles of the Warrant for calling the original meeting, which was under consideration when the last meeting adjourned, was taken up ; when, after some motions for an alteration of the sum named in said report, to be granted for the purpose therein specified, which were carried, it was Voted to pass the second Resolve in said report, which is as follows, to wit :

"2d. Resolved, that a sum not to exceed Twelve thousand dollars be, and hereby is appropriated to purchase a site for a School House for said School, and to build and furnish said House. And the Selectmen are hereby authorized and empowered, in the name of the Inhabitants of the town, to borrow money necessary for those purposes, not exceeding said sum of Twelve thousand dollars, and to contract to repay the same, in six equal annual instalments, with interest, at such rate as may be agreed upon, between said Selectmen and the lender of the money."

Voted, to pass the 3d Resolve in said report, which is as follows, to wit :

"3d. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed, to consist of three from the Centre School District, and one from each of the other School Districts, who are hereby authorized and empowered to select and purchase a site, for said School House, and take a conveyance to the Inhabitants of the town, of a clear title in fee simple to the same. And upon receiving a certificate signed by two thirds of the members of the Committee, stating the amount of the purchase money, the Selectmen are hereby authorized to pay the same. Should there be a difference of opinion, among the members of the Committee, as to location or terms, the decision of two thirds of their number shall be considered the decision of the Committee and bind the town."

Voted that the Board of Selectmen nominate a list of persons for the Committee to choose under this resolve, and they nominated

For District No. 1. Stephen Salisbury, Ira M. Barton, Wm. A. Wheeler.

District No. 2 Benj[a]. Flagg. 3 Albert Curtis. 4 Nath[l]. Brooks. 5 Sam[l]. Perry. 6 Darius Rice. 7 Dan[l]. Harrington. 8 Geo. W. Rugg. 9 Jon[a]. A. White. 10 Benj[a]. Reed. 11 Nath[l]. C. Moore. 12 Horace Chenery. 13 John F. Boice. and they were chosen as said Committee.

Voted to pass the 4th Resolve in said report, which is as follows, to wit :

"4th. Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed, who are hereby authorized and empowered, as soon as a site is selected,

purchased and conveyed to the town, or determined on by them, to determine upon a plan for said House in concert with the Town School Committee, and then to make contracts and superintend the building of the same, procure suitable furniture and cause it to be properly placed, and do all matters and things necessary to fit and prepare the house, for the purposes proposed.

And the Selectmen are hereby authorized, from time to time, to advance money upon the order in writing of a majority of said Committee, and to audit, settle and pay the accounts of said Committee, provided that no more than the sum appropriated shall be paid for all the purposes contemplated as aforesaid."

Voted that the Moderator appoint a nominating Committee of three from the Centre School District, and one from each of the other School Districts, who shall report the names of five persons as the Committee under this resolve to build, furnish &c. and the Moderator having appointed said Committee (of which Abijah Bigelow was Chairman) and said nominating Committee having reported the following names, to wit: John W. Lincoln, Levi A. Dowley, Horatio N. Tower, George Bowen, Alfred D. Foster, those persons were chosen as the Building Committee under this resolve.

Voted, to pass the 5th Resolve in said Report, which is as follows, to wit,

"5th. Resolved, that as compensation to the other School Districts, for the advantage to the Centre School District, in having this School established within its bounds, there shall be allowed, annually, to each of the Districts except the Centre, the sum of Sixty dollars, out of the money appropriated by the town for the support of Schools, in addition to such District's distributial share of said money."

Article 22- Voted, that the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to borrow the sum of Seven thousand dollars appropriated by the town on the fourth day of March last, "to build a School House where the Centre School House now stands, and, if necessary, to enlarge the lot by purchase of land"; the same to be repaid in seven annual instalments, commencing with the next year."

Articles 24 & 28. The report of the Committee chosen on the 4th ult°. was read by the Moderator and is, in part, as follows, to wit:

"1st. That they examined the Potash Hill so called on Pleasant Street, and are satisfied that the public accommodation requires that the top of the Hill, beginning at a point opposite

West Street, and extending easterly about eighteen rods and estimated to contain from six to eight hundred yards should be taken away and the earth thus removed should be put upon the low parts of the road between the house of Austin G. Fitch and the top of said Hill. To make the road in a proper manner several sluice ways should be made and that we recommend to the town to appropriate the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars therefor.

2d. That they examined also the Hill near the Brick Yard of Josiah Brittan that said Hill is now very steep, that by beginning at a point about half way from the bottom thereof & cutting through about twelve rods in length and carrying the stone and earth to the bottom of said Hill, the same can be greatly improved. Your Committee would recommend the additional sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to be appropriated to reduce the same."

Voted to accept said report, and that the sum named therein, amounting to Three hundred dollars, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town & upon such property of non-residents, as is within the Town and liable to taxation.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to superintend the reduction of both the Hills named in the foregoing report.

Article 20. The Committee chosen on the 4th ult°. made a report, which was read and accepted, whereby John H. Brooks Jr. had leave to withdraw his petition for remuneration. [See page 259.]

Article 18. J. M. Earle requested leave to introduce a motion to reconsider the reconsideration of this article made at the last meeting, (see page 263) which was not granted.

Voted that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday, this 8th day of April A. D. 1844 at 1 o'Clock P. M. by adjournment from the first inst. the following proceedings were had, to wit: the Moderator, J. W. Lincoln, called the meeting to order; the 9th article in the Warrant for calling the meeting, being the only one not acted upon, and as the 24th article in the Warrant for the meeting March 4, 1844 was of similar import and has been acted upon (see page 258) it was Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed, and that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Extracts from the report of the Town School Committee.

"The Committee assigned the several Schools in town under their charge to the care of different members of the Board---the reports furnished by them of the state of the Schools respectively under their care constitutes the main part of this report.

The report will be presented in order, commencing with District No. 1 (Centre). The only School in this District which has been under the immediate charge of the Town Committee is the Latin Grammar School," "taught the year past by Mr. R. B. Hubbard with signal ability & success. The school was visited by the different members of the Board in rotation, and it is the opinion of the Board that it has never been more successfully taught: the discipline of the school has been excellent, and the progress of the scholars good; the studies pursued in this school have been taught in the most thorough manner, more so perhaps than has been done by any former teacher. The charge of purchasing apparatus for this school, under a vote of the town making an appropriation for that purpose, was entrusted to a sub-committee of the Board who report; "The sum allowed by the town for the purchase of apparatus was expended under the charge of a Committee appointed for that purpose---The articles procured relate to the subjects of Pneumatics and Electricity, a catalogue of which accompanies this report---It was the judgment of the sub-committee and approved by the whole committee, to make purchases of apparatus with reference to obtaining in coming years all that is necessary to a complete illustration of the scientific studies which are attended to in our schools---For this reason no apparatus was procured relating to Chemistry, Astronomy or Optics, for all of which it is important that provision should hereafter be made. The instruments purchased are believed to be of good models and workmanship, and such as will be of permanent utility. It is proper for the Committee to state, that they were enabled very much to enlarge the amount of apparatus through the liberality of Mr. Hubbard, Teacher of the Latin Grammar School, in placing at their disposal the sum of fifty dollars, to be expended with the appropriation made by the town. This very seasonable gratuity relieved the Committee of the embarrassments of being restricted to the purchase of a very small number of Instruments, or of obtaining those of inferior value, and they would avail themselves of this opportunity to make their acknowledgments to Mr. Hubbard for his generous donation---They would also express the hope that what has been so well begun on the part of the town, will from time to time receive their liberal consideration.

The annual examination of the Latin Grammar School took place on Friday & Saturday (the 29th & 30th of March.) of last week---This examination was highly creditable to the school, and satisfactory to the Committee. No preparation of studies or lessons had been made in this school with a view to an examination. It showed a fair & honorable sample of the present state of the school, the progress that had been made by the pupils, and the very thorough mode of instruction by which they have been disciplined. 59 whole number of scholars who have attended this school the past year---average attendance 45---This school is taught through the year with short quarterly vacations."

"Through the munificent donation of the Hon. Martin Brimmer of Boston, the Committee received a copy of a work entitled "The School and Schoolmaster," a large duodecimo volume, for each school in Town. These Books were distributed to the several districts and schools soon after they were received.

The town of Worcester, on the graduated table showing the comparative amount of money appropriated by the different towns in the State, for the education of each child in the town, between the ages of 4 and 16 years, stood for 1841-2, as No. 11---for 1842-3 it stood as No. 16 showing a falling off of appropriation in proportion to the number of minors between 4 & 16 years of age---the sum appropriated for each child between 4 & 16 years of age for 1842-3 appears to have been $4,,14---Whole amount of money raised by taxes for the support of schools in Worcester appears to have been $8,200---and the number of children between the ages of 4 & 16 years, was 1893.

The town of Brighton is returned as having appropriated the largest amount of money for each scholar between 4 & 16 of any town in the State ; the amount for each scholar is stated to be $5,99---the number of children between 4 & 16 years is stated at 334. These facts are not stated as proving that the schools are better in Brighton than here, but simply as showing that other towns appropriate larger amounts for the education of their children in proportion to the number of minors than is done here. The time, money and labor expended in giving a sound and thorough education to the youth of our country is well and profitably employed ; it returns fruits pleasant to the Parents, profitable to the Youth. Wm. N. Green, Sec^{y} of Committee."

To Charles A. Hamilton, Esq. Clerk of the Town of Worcester.

Dear Sir, The Selectmen of the town of Worcester have

appointed *Lorenzo Billings as Pound Keeper, *William Leggate, Measurer of Upper Leather, *George A. Chamberlain, *Charles Davis, *Perrin Bliss, John Knapp (declines), *Frederic Cutting, *Marson Eaton, *Daniel Wellington, as Measurers of Wood, Bark & Coal.

The appointment of Measurers for Main Street was postponed to a future meeting.

John Field was appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures.

May 20, 1844. For the Selectmen,
John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

June 27, 1844.

Made a Return to the Secretary of this Commonwealth of Births, Deaths & Marriages in this town from May 1, 1843 to April 30, 1844, inclusive, which were as follows, to wit:

Births, Two hundred and sixty three	(263)
Deaths, One hundred and sixty	(160)
Marriages, Eighty nine.	(89)

Capt. Hamilton Sir, The Selectmen have appointed *Capt. Lewis Bigelow Measurer of Wood, Bark &c. for the present year.
John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester, Oct°. 5, 1844.

Capt. Charles A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of Worcester,

Sir. The Selectmen have appointed *Mr. Thomas H. Rice Measurer of Wood, Bark &c. for the present municipal year.

For the Selectmen of Worcester, John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, holden pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on Monday, this eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty four, being the second Monday in said November, at nine o'clock, A. M.; J. W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding, the whole of said Board being present; J. W. Lincoln, after reading the Warrant, and stating to the meeting, the qualifications of voters, and cautioning all who were not qualified against voting, took up the first article in the Warrant. Whereupon it was Voted, that the town chose Three persons to represent them in the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

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*Sworn.

The Moderator then called upon the meeting to bring in their Ballots for Three Representatives to the General Court of this Com°. on one Ballot and place it in one Box ; also, for their Ballots for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and five Senators, on one Ballot & place it in another box and also for Ballots for Twelve Electors of President and Vice President of the United States and for a Representative in the Congress of the U. S. on another Ballot and place it in a third Box.

The votes having been brought in, assorted and counted, were as follows, to wit :

For Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred and fifty five.

George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had ten hundred and forty seven.
George Bancroft of Boston had five hundred and ninety three.
Samuel E. Sewall of Roxbury had One hundred and fifteen.

For Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred and fifty six.

John Reed of Yarmouth had ten hundred and forty seven.
Henry H. Childs of Pittsfield had five hundred and ninety three.
William Jackson of Newton had one hundred and sixteen.

For Senators.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred & fifty four.

Levi Lincoln of Worcester had ten hundred and forty one.
Linus Child of Southbridge had ten hundred and forty three.
Dan Hill of Mendon had ten hundred & forty.
John G. Thurston of Lancaster had ten hundred & forty three.
Joseph Stone of Hardwick had ten hundred & forty two.
Walter A. Bryant of Barre had five hundred & ninety.
Kilburn Harwood of Ashburnham had five hundred & ninety two.
Adam Harrington of Shrewsbury had five hundred & ninety three.
Jared Benson of Mendon had five hundred & ninety two.
Amasa Walker of N. Brookfield had five hundred & ninety two.
James G. Carter of Lancaster had one hundred & seventeen.
Otis Brigham of Westborough had one hundred & nineteen.
Gilman Jones of Ashburnham had one hundred & nineteen.
Elihu Burritt of Worcester had one hundred & seventeen.
Phineas Bemis of Dudley had one hundred & nineteen.
George Allen one. Rhodolphus B. Hubbard one. Thomas Chamberlain two.

For Representative to the Congress of the U. S.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred & fifty eight.

Charles Hudson of Westminster had ten hundred & twenty seven.
Isaac Davis of Worcester had five hundred & seventy seven.
Rodolphus B. Hubbard of Worcester had one hundred & fifty three.
Charles white had one.

For Electors of President & Vice President of the U. S.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred and fifty nine.

For Electors at Large.

Abbot Lawrence of Boston had ten hundred & sixteen.
Lewis Strong of Northampton had ten hundred & sixteen.
Samuel C. Allen of Northfield had five hundred & eighty eight.
Gayton P. Osgood of Andover had five hundred & eighty eight.
Joel Hayden of Williamsburgh had one hundred & fifty five.
John G. Whittier of Amesbury had one hundred & fifty five.

For District Electors.

For No. 1 Nathan Appleton of Boston had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " Gharles G. Green " " " five hundred & eighty eight.
" " " Timothy Gilbert " " " one hundred & fifty five.
" " 2 John Perry Allen of Manchester had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " Ebenr. H. Stacy of Gloucester had five hundred & eighty eight.
" " " Nathan D. Chase of Lynn had one hundred & fifty five.
" " 3 Homer Bartlett of Lowell had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " Hiram Plummer of Haverhill had five hundred & eighty eight.
" " " Willard Brown of Lowell had one hundred & fifty five.
" " 4 Abraham R. Thompson of Charlestown had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " Chas. Thompson of Charlestown had five hundred & eighty eight.
" " " John Fletcher of Acton had one hundred & fifty five.
" " 5 Charles Allen of Worcester had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " J. S. C. Knowlton of Worcester had five hundred & eighty seven.
" " " Phinehas Crandall " " " one hundred & fifty four.
" " " Levi A. Dowley one. John R. Lee one.

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For No. 6. William B. Calhoun of Springfield had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " H. G. Newcomb of Greenfield had five hundred & eighty eight
" " " John Dickinson Jr. of Amherst had one hundred & fifty five.
" " 7 Chauncey B. Rising of Worthington had ten hundred and sixteen.
" " " Orrin Sage of Blandford had five hundred & eighty eight.
" " " Edward Laselle of Williamstown had one hundred & fifty five.
" " 8 Elijah Vose of Dorchester had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " Artemas Brown of Medway had five hundred & eighty eight.
" " " Jesse Wheaton of Dedham had one hundred & fifty five.
" " 9 William Baylies of West Bridgewater had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " Peter H. Pierce of Middleborough had five hundred & eighty eight.
" " " Laban M. Wheaton of Norton had one hundred & fifty five.
" " 10 Seth Crowell of Dennis had ten hundred & sixteen.
" " " John H. Shaw of Nantucket had five hundred & eighty eight.
" " " Gilbert Richmond of New Bedford one hundred & fifty five.

For Representatives to the General Court of Mass^{tt}.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred and fifty one.

Necessary to a choice eight hundred and seveny six.

Alex^{r}. H. Bullock had ten hundred & twenty.
John Milton Earle had ten hundred & nineteen.
Darius Rice had ten hundred & twenty four.
Daniel Stone had five hundred & ninety.
James S. Woodworth had five hundred & ninety one.
Henry Prentiss had five hundred & ninety.
Benjamin Goddard 2d had one hundred & thirty six.
Charles White had one hundred & thirty five.
Benjamin B. Spalding had one hundred & thirty four.
Rodolphus Hubbard had one. Elisha Fuller had one and Oliver H. Blood had one.

The votes having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as on this and the two preceding pages, declaration there-

of was made, and returns, according to Law, were made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

Article 5. J. W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 6. Voted that the subject of encroachments upon the streets and highways of the town, together with the subject of the levels of the sidewalks, be refered to the Board of Selectmen, who are requested to report thereon at a future meeting of the town.

Article 7. [Petition of Warner Hinds.] That the subject of cutting down the Sycamore Tree at the intersection of Main and Myrtle Streets, be indefinitely postponed.

Article 8. Voted that the real estate of Mrs. Abigail Harrington be set off from School District No. 6 and annexed to School District No. 1.

Article 9. Voted, that the subject of building an Engine House in New Worcester, for Fire Engine No. 2, be refered to the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, to report thereon at a future meeting of the town.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Cap^{n}. Charles A. Hamilton, Clerk of the Town of Worcester.

Sir, The Selectmen of the town of Worcester have appointed *Mr. Samuel C. White, Measurer of Bark, Wood &c. for the present municipal year. John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Worcester, November 25, 1844.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday, this twenty third day of December A. D. 1844, at 9 o'Clock A. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant; four of the Selectmen being present, J. W. Lincoln, Chairman, called the meeting to order and read the Warrant calling this meeting and also the Warrant from the Governor of this Commonwealth to said Selectmen, directing said Selectmen to call this meeting: he then called upon the Voters to bring in their Ballots for a person to represent them in the Congress of the United States, to serve for two years from and after the third day of March next, who is an Inhabitant of the Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts.

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* Sworn.

The Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, were for the following named persons, to wit:

Charles Hudson of Westminster had eight hundred & seventy three.

Isaac Davis of Worcester had three hundred and seventy three.

Rodolphus B. Hubbard of Worcester had eighty three.

Charles White of Worcester had two.

The whole number of Ballots was thirteen hundred & thirty one.

The votes having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as above, a return according to Law, was made out and sealed up in open Town meeting.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, held pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, on Monday, this third day of March, A. D. 1845, at the Town Hall, at 9 o'clock A. M. the following proceedings were had; to wit:

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order and having read the Warrant for calling the meeting, called upon said qualified voters to bring in their Ballots for a Moderator to preside over this meeting; the Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted were all, (with one exception) for John W. Lincoln, who was declared elected, and who took the Chair.

Article 2. Voted, to choose Five Selectmen; the Moderator then called upon the legal voters to bring in their ballots for a Town Clerk and for Five Selectmen, to be deposited in two ballot boxes; the said ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, and the list of voters checked as the ballots were so brought in, it appeared that the whole nnmber of ballots for Town Clerk was Two hundred, seventy five 275 Necessary to a choice 138 Chas. A. Hamilton had 235---Adolphus Morse 40.

Charles A. Hamilton, having been declared elected, took the oath of office, before the Moderator of the meeting, "in open town meeting."

The whole number of ballots for Selectmen was 290 Necessary to a choice 146.

John W. Lincoln had 220--- Fredk. Wm. Paine 231 --- Edward Earle 230---Henry W. Miller 231---Darius Rice 230---James Estabrook 58---Edward B. Rice 57---Ira M. Barton 4---Lewis Chapin 2---A. D. Foster 1---Levi A. Dowley 1 and Samuel Banister 1.

The following persons were declared elected. *John W. Lincoln, *Fred^{k}. Wm. Paine, †Edwd. Earle, *Henry W. Miller, *Darius Rice.

Article 2. Voted, that the Town Treasurer be the Collector of Taxes for the current year.

Voted to choose three Assessors.

Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor.

The Moderator then called upon the legal voters to bring in their ballots for a Treasurer & Collector of Taxes; for three Assessors and for three Overseers of the Poor, which having been done and deposited in three several ballot boxes, assorted and counted, were as follows, to wit:

For Treasurer & Collector the whole number was 288.

Necessary to a choice 145.

John Rice had 220 & Wm. Greenleaf had 68.

*John Rice was declared to be elected.

For Assessors the whole number was 255. Necessary to a choice 128.

Fred^{k}. W. Paine had 216---Thos. Chamberlain 216---Edwd. H. Hemenway 216---Daniel Stone 38---Saml. Stowell 38---Joel Wilder 38.

*F. W. Paine, *Thos. Chamberlain, *Edwd. H. Hemenway were declared to be elected.

For Overseers of the Poor, the whole number was 210.

Necessary to a choice 106.

Albert Tolman had 207---Edwd. Earle 209---Walter Bigelow Jr. 206---Chas. Davis 1.

Albert Tolman, Edwd. Earle, Walter Bigelow Jr. were declared to be elected.

Albert Tolman declined the office and requested to be excused; whereupon it was voted that he be excused from serving.

Voted to fill the vacancy by "viva voce" vote. On motion of Wm. M. Bickford, it was voted to choose a committee of five persons, to be nominated by the Chair, to nominate some suitable person to fill the vacancy; and Wm. M. Bickford, John F. Pond, Thos. Chamberlain, John Flagg and Silas Brooks were chosen upon said nominating committee, who shortly afterward reported the name of Eben^{r}. L. Barnard, which report it was voted to accept; whereupon Genl. Barnard asked to be excused---said nominating Committee were requested to report some other person

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* Sworn. †Affirmed.

to fill said vacancy, and they reported the name of Alpheus Merrifield which was accepted, and he was declared elected in place of A. Tolman.

Voted to choose ten Constables by nomination at large; and *Levi Jackson, *Charles Davis, *Rufus Rice, *Claudius B. Long, *Benj[a]. B. Otis, *Asa D. Whittemore, *George Jones, *Asa Matthews, *Cha[s]. P. Bancroft, *John H. Knight were chosen.

Voted, to choose two Constables in addition to the above; and *Francis Strong, *Rodolphus C. Edwards were chosen.

Voted to choose one Constable more, residing in New Worcester; and Alexander Thayer was chosen.

Voted, to choose one Constable more, and *Calvin W. Ainger was chosen.

Voted, not to choose any Tythingmen.

Voted to choose Fifteen Field Drivers, by nomination at large, and *Cyrenus Aldrich, *Horatio N. Tower, Adolphus Morse, *Gilbert Spalding, *Lucius Beach, *Edwin Eaton, Wm. A. Noyes, Jonathan H. Knights, *Oliver K. Cook, Tyler Marble, Thornton A. Merrick, Jesse W. Goodrich, *David Flagg, Wm. Greenleaf, Charles Warren [were chosen].

Voted to choose one more Field Driver, and B. F. Stowell was chosen.

Voted to choose a Field Driver in District No. 8, and *John Barnard was chosen.

Voted to choose two more Field Drivers in District No. 1, and *Oliver Harrington, Wm. C. Lamson were chosen.

Voted, to choose one Fence Viewer in each School District, in the town, by nomination at large, and in Dist. No. 1 Adolphus Morse, 2 Benj[a]. Flagg, 3 Frederic Cutting, 4 Pitt Holmes, 5 Josiah G. Perry, 6 Hezekiah Adams, 7 Jonas Bartlett, 8 John Barnard, 9 John F. Clark, 10 Ezra Goddard, 11 Thomas Chamberlain, 12 Silas Barber, 13 Peter M. Bancroft were chosen.

Voted to choose Five Surveyors of lumber, who shall also be Surveyors of Shingles and Clapboards, and *James C. Morse, Walter R. Bigelow, *James S. Woodworth, *Mason H. Morse, *Tilly Raymond were chosen.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint as many Surveyors and Measurers of Fire Wood, Bark and Charcoal as in their discretion they may think necessary.

Voted, that School District No. 1 be permitted to choose their own Prudential School Committeeman, and that the town now

*Sworn.

proceed to make choice of one for each of the other School Districts, by nomination at large, and the following named persons were chosen; viz---

No. 2 Elias Prouty, 3 Simon S. Gates, 4 Lewis Boyden, 5 Josiah G. Perry, 6 Seth Fisher, 7 Henry Prentice, 8 Joseph Bond, 9 Wm. Eames, 10 Isaac Mills, 11 Amos R. Black, 12 Vernon S. Kimball.

Voted to postpone the choice of the Town School Committee untill the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to choose Five persons as a Committee to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the town for the year ensuing---and Ebenezer L. Barnard, John W. Lincoln, Thos. Chamberlain, Darius Rice, Levi A. Dowley were chosen.

Article 3d. The Moderator called upon the legal voters to bring in their ballots for a County Treasurer; which having been done. it was found that the whole number of Ballots was three hundred and twenty, and that they all were for Anthony Chase.

Article 4th. The consideration of this article was postponed to the adjournment of the meeting. [Town expenses.]

Article 5th. Voted, that the Assessors be instructed to make a new valuation of the taxable property within the town, the current year, and that they be paid the sum of Seventy five dollars in addition to their usual pay, for this year's services, and that they also perform all the duties heretofore required of them.

Article 6. Voted, that the Town Treasurer, be the Collector of Taxes, and that he be paid the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars as compensation for his services; and that he shall make the following abatements to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within thirty, sixty or one hundred and twenty days; to wit. within 30 days from the time the tax bill shall be committed to him to collect, 6 per cent; within 60 days, 4 per cent; or within 120 days, 2 per cent.

Article 7. Voted, that the Collector be instructed to enforce the collection of all taxes remaining unpaid at the expiration of one hundred and twenty days from the time the tax bill shall have been committed to him, and that the collection thereof may be enforced within said 120 days, if there is good reason to believe, in the opinion of the Collector, that the tax will be lost by the delay. A motion was made by J. F. Pond, but not sustained, that those persons, who might be taxed only a poll tax, should be required to pay within sixty days.

Article 8. The Selectmen made a Report which was read by the Chairman, wherein they state, that, "they have received from various sources $61,428,,20 and have paid out $60,689,,31 leaving a balance on hand of $738,,89"---that, they procured upon loan, money from the Worcester County Institution for Savings, at an interest of five per cent. per annum, and paid a debt of the town, due in Boston, which bore an interest of five and a half per cent. per annum.---"That the School House, authorised to be built in District No. 13, was completed and in readiness for the school in that district, and for the amount of the appropriation---Col. Samuel Daman, who, with great liberality, gave the lot of land for the house, stipulated that the town should build and maintain a good and sufficient fence, between that lot and the other land of the Grantor; the Selectmen considered that condition reasonable & have contracted for the fence to be erected.

That at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, the last autumn, it was voted that the subject of encroachments upon the Streets and Highways of the town, together with the subject of the Levels of the Sidewalks, be refered to the Board of Selectmen, who are requested to report thereon at a future meeting of the town---the Selectmen have had the subject generally under consideration and would report that in their opinion it would be better to transfer the duty of seeing that encroachments are not made upon the Public, from the several Surveyors, many of whom are not well acquainted with the rights of the town, and who, generally, are unwilling to take the responsibility of enforcing those rights when known, and trespasses are committed, to a Board which from its character and duties must necessarily be better acquainted with their interests, and who may act in every District of the town; they recommend that the whole subject of encroachments of the several Streets and Highways be refered to the Selectmen, with instructions to have them severally abated, either immediately, or prospectively, as in their opinion, the circumstances of the case may require, having regard to the rights of the town, and the convenience of the individual---the Selectmen should also, for the same reasons, be charged with the grading of the sidewalks, not only to determine the future grade of them, but also to correct the grade of those already made, so far, as in their opinion public convenience and safety may require :--- it is believed, that to legally authorise the Selectmen to discharge these duties, they must also be constituted Surveyors of Highways, and it is therefore recommended, that the Selectmen, for the time being, be also Surveyors of Highways, having particular charge of the Roads in the Centre of the town, and a general supervision in

relation to encroachments in all the districts of the town, without interfering, in other districts, with the usual repairs of the roads." Voted to accept the foregoing portion of the report relating to encroachments upon the Streets and Highways of the town, and the levels of the Sidewalks, and that the Board of Selectmen, for the time being, be also, Highway Surveyors, under limits stated in said report.*

Said report further states that, "the County Commissioners have directed the hill in front of the new and old Court Houses to be reduced ; that, "the earth to be removed is gravel of good quality" and "may be had for the removal of it" and "is much wanted for the repair of the roads in the centre of the town."

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to act in relation to the procuring said gravel, as they may deem most for the interest of the town.

Said Report further states, that "there is now pending before the County Commissioners a petition of Silas Flagg and others for a road from Holden to Worcester to come out into the Paxton road over the land of Mr. Daniel Cook ; this road, if ordered to be made, would be wholly for the benefit of the Inhabitants of Holden at the expense of the town of Worcester."

Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to oppose the granting of the abovenamed petition of Silas Flagg.

Voted that the Selectmen be also instructed to continue to oppose the granting of the "petition of Henry Snow and others for a road from Worcester to Shrewsbury (which) is still pending before the (County) Commissioners."

Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to oppose the granting of any petition for a new road into this town, whenever, in their opinion, it shall be against the interest of the town to have such new road located.

Said report further states that "the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of this town have recently employed an agent to examine the several buildings insured by that Company in this village for the purpose of ascertaining in what manner they are kept in reference to danger from fire---some of the Board of Selectmen have had an opportunity of seeing the report made to the officers of that Company, and the account is truly alarming---It is a cause of much surprise to those who been informed of the facts, that fires in this village have not been of daily occurrence from the culpable carelessness of the occupants of buildings---Ashes, the

* Selectmen sworn as Highway Surveyors, etc.

prolific source of fires, were found in every story of a house, barrelled up in garrets, in closets and in cellars---Stove pipes passing through wood without any protection---fire boards in places where stoves enter the chimneys---chimneys badly constructed, some of them only two or four inches in thickness of walls, and the brick so badly laid that holes could be found through which sticks could be passed into the centre of the chimney without obstruction from brick or morter, and in some of those instances, fire boards had been secured closely upon the sides of those chimneys---It is most manifest that to the superintending care of a Kind Providence above have we been indebted for preservation from the ravages of most destructive fires---It is highly important that the attention of the Engineers should be called by the town to this subject and that they be directed to cause the 14th & 15th articles of the Rules &c. adopted by the town on the 16th of September 1837 to be rigidly enforced."

Voted, that the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be directed to enforce the provisions of the articles above refered to.

Said report further states, that "the town have heretofore passed sundry votes in relation to the bringing water from Bladder Pond to be used for the extinguishment of fires and for other purposes.

No persons have appeared to undertake this work in the manner proposed---Recently a number of the Inhabitants of the Centre School District have petitioned the Legislature that the said District may be authorised to construct an aqueduct for the purposes mentioned and it is believed such authority has been given, subject to the assent of the Inhabitants of the District to be expressed at a meeting to be called for that purpose---As this project, if carried into effect, will result to the benefit of the whole town in the preservation of the taxable property thereof, it is suggested whether it may not be for the interest of the town to offer to the District as liberal inducements as those proposed to Individuals."

Voted to choose a Committee of five persons, to be nominated by the Chair to take into consideration the suggestions made above in relation to bringing water from Bladder Pond, and to confer with the Centre School District upon the said subject, and report thereon at some future meeting of the town; and Thos. Chamberlain, John F. Pond, Silas Brooks, Ebenr. L. Barnard, Nathl. Brooks, were chosen as said Committee.

Said report further states that "the law requires that the Selectmen should annually report to the town in relation to Guide Posts, and they are able to comply with this requisition in a few words

---No new Guide Posts such as the Law contemplates, have been erected within the past year, and they have authorised no change of former ones---The Selectmen find that the Bridges on the old and new Market Streets were in very dangerous condition deemed it their duty to warn the public that the town were not liable for any injury which might happen thereon; put up Guide Boards on Main, Summer and Union Streets, with indices declaring that the old and new Market Streets were not public streets. This was done for the safety of strangers, and it is a subject of deep regret that some lawless, malicious and mischievous persons should have removed some of them. This malicious mischief has not been confined to these Boards, but has been extended to others, of which the law requires the maintenance."

Said report further states the number of minors in town, to be as follows, viz, in

District	No.	1	3,124	No.	5	126	No.	9	90
"	"	2	101	"	6	70	"	10	55
"	"	3	231	"	7	92	"	11	59
"	"	4	102	"	8	76	"	12	84
				"	13	79			

Voted, that the whole of the report of the Board of Selectmen, of which the foregoing extracts make a part, be accepted, and that the Selectmen cause a sufficient number of copies to be printed for distribution to the Inhabitants of the town.

The report of the Overseers of the Poor was read by the Moderator---The report states that "there were at the almshouse February 15th 1844 receiving support as Paupers 16

There have been admitted during the year 67

There have been discharged	55	83
There have died	2	
There have been indented	2	
There now remain	24	
		83

"The whole number that have received help from the town the past year is two hundred and thirty eight."

From various figurings the report shows "the whole expenses to be $1,238,,74" The produce of the Farm the past year was, Hay sufficient to keep the usual amount of stock---330 Bushels of Corn---101 Bushels of Rye---140 Bushels of Oats---585 Bushels of Potatoes---60 Bushels of Roots---14 Bushels of Beans---2530 lbs of Pork fattened---1320 lb. of Beef fattened."

Voted that the report be accepted and that it be printed with the report of the Selectmen.

Article 9. No report [of outstanding committees] offered.

Voted that the meeting be adjourned untill 2 o'clock P. M.---at which time the Moderator called the meeting to order, and took up Article 10. Voted that the Roads and Bridges within the town be repaired in the same manner as last year; that is, by Highway Surveyors in the several Highway Districts and that ten cents an hour be allowed for men and teams to labor upon the Highways and that there be a committee of one person from each Highway District (except the first) to be nominated by the Chair, who shall report a list of suitable candidates for the office of Highway Surveyors; said Committee reported the following named persons, who were unanimously chosen; to wit---in

No. 2 *Ashley Moore, 3 *Wm. H. Heywood, 4 *Lewis Chapin, 5 *Josiah Rice, 6 *Charles Wesson, 7 *Benj^{a}. F. Curtis, 8 *Curtis Rice, 9 *Jon^{a}. A. White, 10 *Isaac Mills, 11 *Thomas Nichols, 12 *Samuel Stowell.

Article 11. Voted, that "the town will defray the expenses of Burials in the manner voted last year."

Article 12. Voted, that "the town will take care of, and defray the expenses of the Clocks of the First and Second Parishes, the current year."

Article 13. Voted, that "the town will cause (all) the Public Lamps, in the Centre School District," to "be lighted, the current year."

Article 14. Voted, that "the Town will cause a Bell to be rung at Noon and at 9 o'clock P. M. the current year."

Article 15. Voted, that the subject matter of this article be refered to the Board of Selectmen, and that they be authorised to "cause one or more Bells to be rung in case of an alarm of fire."

Article 16. Voted, that the Town do not suspend the operation of the Law respecting the Killing of certain kinds of Birds.

Article 17. Voted, that the Town do authorize the Prudential Committees of the several School Districts to contract with the Teachers of their respective School Districts.

Article 18. The Subject matter of this article is refered to the Engineers of the Fire Department, to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting [in regard to compensation of firemen].

Article 19. Voted that the Subject matter of this article be refered to a Committee of five, to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting, [Petition of William Dickinson to reduce the hill on Pleasant street called Potash Hill] and that the Board of Selectmen be the Committee.

Article 20. Voted, that the town do "grant permission to the Washington Temperance Society of Worcester, to hold, one evening in each week, its public and weekly meetings in the upper Town Hall, during the year ensuing."

Article 21. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [to light and warm the Hall for the said Society] be laid upon the table.

Article 22. Voted that the town do authorise "the the Selectmen so to amend the lines between any of the School Districts in town as may appear to them judicious; Provided such amendment do not change any of the Inhabitants from one School District to another."

Article 23. Voted that the subject matter of this article be refered to a Committee, and that that Committee be the Overseers of the Poor, and that they have authority to make exchange of land [in Shrewsbury or Boylston] refered to in the article, if they deem it for the interest of the town, and to give and receive deeds thereof.

Article 24. Voted, that "the town will, at the expense of the town, build and keep in repair all the School Houses in town."

Article 25. Voted that "the town will procure for Engine Company No. 4 a new Hose Carriage," and that the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department be charged with procuring the same.

Article 26. Voted, that the subject of purchasing the Fire Engine referred to in the article [Suction Engine known as Washington No. 5.], be refered to the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, to report thereon at the adjournment.

Article 27. Voted that "the town will grant to the Methodist Episcopal Society, the use of the Town Halls for public religious worship on the Sabbath" (under the general superintendence of the Board of Selectmen) "from the first day of October last, to about the third week in April next, or till such time as said Society's Vestry shall be ready to occupy, free of" charge.

Voted, that when this meeting shall be adjourned, it be adjourned to the first Monday of April next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Voted, that the meeting be now adjourned.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, held on Monday this seventh day of April A. D. 1845, at two o'clock

P. M. at the Town Hall, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

The Clerk called the meeting to order, and having read said Warrant, called upon the said Inhabitants to nominate some person for the office of Moderator: John W. Lincoln was so nominated and chosen---and he thereupon took the stand.

Article 2d. The subject of this article [petition of William Ward and others for the use of the East Town Hall for the Society of Reformers.] was refered to a Committee, to consist of three persons, to be nominated by the Chair, and John F. Pond, Ja^{s}. Estabrook & Benj^{a}. Flagg were chosen, and they were instructed to report to this meeting; the Committee afterward came in and made a verbal report, stating that a majority of the Committee were opposed to granting the prayer of the petitioners, for the reason that the use of the upper Town Hall had already been granted to the Washingtonian Temperance Society, for the same evenings, and that, in their opinion, it was not advisable to have the two Societies hold their meetings in the same building, upon the same evenings.

Voted, to accept the report, and that the further consideration of the article be indefinitely postponed; but the Selectmen were requested to permit the Society of Reformers to use the East Town Hall, upon such evenings of each week, other than Monday evenings, as might be agreed upon, upon the same conditions or terms as the Washingtonian Society was permitted to use the Upper Town Hall.

Article 3d. Voted, that the subject matter of the article be refered to the Board of Selectmen, with instructions to cause the Lamps [on Park, Portland and southerly part of Main streets] named in the article to be lighted, or not to be, whichever shall, in their judgment, be most conducive to the benefit of the Inhabitants of the town; with the understanding that all the other articles upon the subject of lighting Lamps, and any new petitions for lighting Lamps the current year be refered in like manner.

Article 4. On motion of Thos. Chamberlain, it was Voted, that the subject matter of the article [to widen the Canal Bridge on Front street eight or ten feet each side] be refered to the Board of Selectmen, inasmuch as they are the Highway Surveyors of the District in which the Bridge is.

Article 5. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [Lamp at Summer and Arch streets] be refered to the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the vote under the third article, above recorded.

Article 6. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [Lamp on Harrison street] be refered to the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the vote under the third article, above recorded.

Article 7. Voted, that the "town will prohibit, for the future, the firing of Cannon on the Common.

Voted that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday this seventh day of April A. D. 1845, at 2 o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the third day of March, last, the following proceedings were had, to wit. J. W. Lincoln, the moderator, called the meeting to order, and took up the second article in the warrant, and called upon the legal voters, present, to bring in their Ballots for a School Committee, whereupon it was Voted, that the Chair appoint a Committee of five persons, who shall nominate a list of suitable persons to compose said School Committee—The Chair appointed Thos. Chamberlain, Saml. M. Burnside, Alex^{r}. H. Bullock, Maturin L. Fisher and Silas Barber on said nominating Committee, who, after having been out for a short time, came in and reported the following named persons, to wit:

W^{m}. N. Green, Rev^{d}. Alonzo Hill, Saml. F. Haven, Rev^{d}. Geo. P. Smith, Chas. H. Hill, Rev^{d}. Albert Case, Rev^{d}. John Jennings, Peter C. Bacon, Fred^{k}. W. Gale.

The Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, were found to be all Yea, with one exception, and the list was accordingly declared to be elected.

Voted, to choose another Constable, and *William A. Howland was chosen.

Voted, to choose Three more Field Drivers, and D. Waldo Lincoln, John F. Pond and Jos. Lovell Jr. were chosen.

Article 4. The Committee chosen on the third ult^{o}. to make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the town for the current year, made a report, which was read by the Moderator, and laid upon the table, untill action was had upon some other articles involving the expenditure of money, after which, the consideration thereof was resumed, and it was amended as follows, to wit: by adding 500$ to the sum reported for Discount and abatement of Taxes; by inserting the

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sum of $3,431 for expenses & pay of Fire Department; by inserting the sum of $850 for a new Fire Engine; by inserting the sum of $700 for an Engine House in New Worcester; by inserting the sum of $250 to be expended upon the upper part of Pleasant Street or Potash Hill, so called; and said Report, as amended, is as follows—

For repairing Roads and Bridges			$3,600
" District Schools, to be divided as follows; $60 to be paid to each of the Districts from No. 2 to 13, inclusive; the remainder to be divided among the several Districts, in proportion to the number of minors in each District			5,500
" Classical School for Principal Instructor		$1000	
1st Male assistant		500	
1st Female assistant		300	
2d do do		200	
Warming, taking care of School House & Carting expenses		200	
			2,200
" pay of Assessors			275
" pay of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen			100
" " " " " " " Overseers of the Poor			100
" " " " Treasurer & Collector of Taxes			250
" the support of the Poor			1,600
" ringing Bell and care of Clocks			85
" Funeral Expenses			200
" Discount and abatement of Taxes			2,000
" Principal and Interest of Town Debt			5,600
" Contingent Expenses			1,000
" making new road as ordered by County Commissioners			1,000
" Oil and lighting Lamps			700
" the pay and expenses of the Fire Department			3,431
" a new Fire Engine House at New Worcester			700
" work &c. upon the upper part of Pleasant St. or Potash Hill			250
" a new Fire Engine			850
making in the whole			$29,441

Voted, that the sum of Twenty nine thousand, four hundred and forty one dollars, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, and upon such property of non-residents, as may be in the town, and liable to taxation.

Article 8. A report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, read by the moderator, and is in part as follows, to wit: "They would recommend to the town the acceptance of "the 19th, 20th & 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes," and the following additional compensation for the ensuing year. Chief Engineer, One hundred and fifty dollars, and in consideration of this sum he be required to visit all the Engines located in the Centre District as often as once a week, and see that they are kept in good order, and to take good care of all the property attached to the Fire Department, which belongs to the town; and also to acquaint himself with all the Reservoirs of Water and their location in all parts of the Village, and commit the same to paper and furnish each of the assistant Engineers with a copy of the same. The other members of the Department (except 5 leading Hosemen to each Co.) Seven dollars fifty cents each—The Hosemen Twelve dollars & fifty cents each."

"On the other article referred to them, Report—It is the opinion of the Board that the town need another Suction Engine, and they would recommend the purchase of said "Washington Engine No. 5" if it can be bought at a fair price."

"The Board would also recommend to the town an alteration in the Engine House at Lincoln Square—the doors of said House are quite too narrow, and should be made wider—the ground in front needs grading so that the Engine can be got out and in without trouble—the whole could be done at a trifling expense."

On motion of Daniel Stone, it was Voted, that the town do accept the 19th, 20th & 21st Sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes and that the additional allowance, recommended in the foregoing report, be allowed to the members of the Fire Department.

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorised to purchase the Engine referred to in said report, if it can be had for what they shall deem a fair price.

Voted, that the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, be authorised to make the alteration of Doors of Engine House No. 3, and of the ground in front thereof, as recommended in said report.

The report of the Town School Committee, was read by S. F. Haven—Among other things it is stated, that on "comparing the several returns of the visiting Committees with those of last year, a general improvement in the condition and character of our schools is apparent—Deficiencies which were then pointed out have to some extent been remedied, and indications of progress in

various particulars can be traced." Speaking of the new School House for the "Classical & English High School" they say "The building is now in a forward state of advancement, and although it will not be completed as soon as had been hoped, will probably be ready for occupation in the course of next month. Its position, selected by a special Committee, is deemed favorable to the convenience of the Inhabitants, and adapted to the wants of such an establishment ; having the advantages of quiet, of pure air, and distinct and sufficient play grounds for the pupils of both sexes—The edifice is 75 feet long by 50 feet wide, and contains, besides the basement, two spacious school rooms, and an attic that may be used for various important purposes—The entrances for the two departments are at separate corners of the basement, and the separation is maintained throughout, with the exception of facilities of communication between schoolrooms which are under the control of the Instructor. The clear dimensions of the school rooms are 48 ft. 8 in. in length by 47 feet in width—With these are connected convenient recitation rooms, and accommodations for apparatus, and for a Library of books of consultation and reference which it is desirable to have by some means provided—In the basement a small apartment will be finished for a Laboratory, and abundant space be afforded for the storage of fuel—The seats in each schoolroom are arranged for accommodating 154 pupils—By omitting, for the present, a portion of the seats, without disturbing the regularity of their arrangement, they may be reduced to 100 in the girls apartment, and 85 in the boys—These will probably be sufficient for the present wants of the town ; and new seats may from time to time be added, as required by an increase of pupils, without occasioning inconvenience or disfigurement."

Voted to accept the report, and that it be printed.

Another report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department was read by the moderator of the meeting, in which the Board recommend to the town to build an Engine House for Fire Engine No. 2, in New Worcester, "18 feet by 36 feet 20 ft. posts, well and substantially finished painted and sanded if the same can be done for the sum of Seven hundred dollars."

Voted, to accept said report, and that the Selectmen be authorised to build said house upon the condition stated in the report.

Article 13. Voted, that the vote passed on the third day of March last, see page 283, be reconsidered. It was then Voted, that the whole subject of Lighting Lamps in the Streets be referred to the Board of Selectmen, with instructions, that they cause a sufficient and proper number of Lamps to be lighted in Main and

Front Streets, and in such other streets and places as they shall think the interests of the town require.

Article 19. The Committee, being the Board of Selectmen, to whom the nineteenth article of the March Warrant was referred have attended to that duty and now report as follows.

First, the road referred to in the petition of Wm. Dickinson and others is in very bad order and almost impassible for heavy teams and that this portion of the road extends west from the house of Daniel Goddard on Pleasant Street to nearly the foot of Potash Hill so called.

Secondly—That in the opinion of the Committee it is necessary that said road within the limits before mentioned, should be thoroughly repaired since they feel convinced that no temporary remedy would serve any purpose except for the present season.

Thirdly—That W. A. Wheeler and D. W. Lincoln have offered to give sufficient good gravel for the purpose of repairing said road thoroughly.

Fourthly—We recommend that a sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be raised on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of Worcester towards the above purpose, and that the remainder of the money necessary for the thorough repair of said road be taken out of the sum of money recommended to be raised for repairing the Roads and Bridges.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Worcester April 7th 1845

F. W. Paine, Darius Rice, Edwd. Earle } Selectmen of Worcester.

Voted to accept the foregoing Report.

Article 22. "The Selectmen of the town of Worcester having been directed to revise the lines of the several School Districts, have attended to the duty with which they were charged: and in the alterations they have proposed, they have not changed the residence of any person from one district to an other save in two instances—the house of Mr. Russell and the farm house of William A. Wheeler both on Pleasant Street, were generally supposed to have heretofore been within the limits of District No. 1 and they have been taxed accordingly, when in fact they were within District No. 2.—It is now proposed to extend the limits of District No. 1 more westerly and include them in the District where they were supposed to belong. It has been an object with the Selectmen to make the angles of the several Districts at some monument which would be permanent, and this has been attended to so far

as practicable. They respectfully propose the following as the bounds of the several School Districts.

Of School District No. 1.

Begining at a point on the north side of the County road leading westerly from Lincoln Square towards Paxton, at a corner of the wall which is the south west corner of the door-yard of John Hammond west of his dwelling house—thence southerly on line of School District No. 2 to an apple tree standing on the south side of the old Tatnuck road or Pleasant Street, which apple tree stands at the outlet of a drain which passes under the Road on land of Rejoice Newton—thence southeasterly on line of District No. 3 to the intersection of the Patch road with Main Street on the north side of said Patch road—thence easterly on line of School District No. 4 to the northeast corner of the west abutment of the Canal Bridge on land of Lewis Bigelow—thence easterly on line of District No. 5, to a point on the east side of Vernon Street where the south line of the divison line between lands of Lewis Bigelow and John F. Pond come, to the road—thence easterly on line of School District No. 5 by said division line between lands of the said Bigelow and Pond to the east side of Harrison Street, so called on a plan of said land recorded in the Registry of Deeds in the County of Worcester,—thence northeasterly on line of School District No. 6 to the northwest corner of the East Barn near the dwelling house of Stephen W. Hunt—thence northwardly by line of School District No. 6 to the Southwest corner of the south abutment of the Railroad Bridge of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation over the Pine Meadow road—thence northwardly on line of School District No. 7 to the southeast corner of land of Edward Lamb north of the old Turnpike Road which land formerly belonged to the late William Lincoln—thence northwardly on line of School District No. 7 to the well eastwardly of the house of William N. Green and is known as the Crawford Place—thence westwardly on line of School District No. 8, to the southeast corner of the farm barn northerly of the house in which William E. Green resides—thence westerly on line of District No. 8 to the northwest corner of the east abutment of the Bridge over Mill Brook on the road leading from Worcester to West Boylston called Grove Street, and north of the Cemetery—thence westerly on line of School District No. 8 to the northwest corner of the farm barn of John Pratt westwardly of the house of said Pratt—thence southwardly on line of School District No. 11 to the intersection of the lines of Jotham B. Pratt and John Hammond and land of Stephen Salisbury—thence southerly on the line of School District No. 2 to the southwest

corner of the door yard of John Hammond west of his house being the point of beginning.

School District No. 2.

Beginning on the line of School District No. 1 at the southwest corner of School District No. 11 at a point where the line between the lands of Jotham B. Pratt and John Hammond intersects the line of land of Stephen Salisbury—thence westerly on line of School District No. 11 to the angle in the road leading from the Tatnuck to the Holden road about 29 rods southerly of the farm house of Elisha Flagg—thence westerly on line of School District No. 11 to the northeasterly corner of the house of Paul Shepard—thence westerly on line of School District No. 11 to a point on the line between the towns of Holden and Worcester where the Tatnuck Brook crosses said line at the centre of said stream—thence westerly on line of the town of Holden to the line of the town of Paxton—thence westerly on the line of the town of Paxton to the line of the town of Leicester being the northwest corner of the town of Worcester—thence southerly on line of the town of Leicester to a point 20 rods south of the south side of a town road leading westerly from the Tatnuck Village passing the house of Ezekiel Daniels into the town of Leicester —thence easterly on line of School District No. 3 to the angle in the road a few rods northwest of the house of William Whipple Patch—thence on line of School District 3 to the apple tree on land of Rejoice Newton and line of School District No. 1—thence on line of School District No. 1 to the intersection of the line dividing the lands of John Hammond and Jotham B. Pratt and the line of Stephen Salisbury being the place of beginning.

School District No. 3.

Beginning at the apple Tree on land of Rejoice Newton on the south side of the Tatnuck Road or Pleasant Street which is also a corner of School District Nos. 1 & 2—thence westerly by line of School District No. 2 to the angle in the road a few rods northward of the dwelling house of William Whipple Patch—thence westerly by line of School District No. 2 to a point in the line of the town of Leicester 20 rods south of the south side of a town road leading westerly from the village of Tatnuck passing the house of Ezekiel Daniels into the town of Leicester—thence southerly on line of the town of Leicester to line of the town of Auburn and the southwest corner of the town of Worcester—thence in a northwest direction on line of School District No. 13 to an angle in the road passing the farm house of Uriah Stone which angle is 143 rods 17½ links on said road northerly from line of the town of Auburn—thence from said angle on line of

School District No. 13 northeasterly to a point in the road from Leesville to New Worcester which is 3 miles from the present Brick Court House as appears by the map of the town as drawn by Caleb Butler—thence on line of School District No. 13 easterly to the southwest corner of the south abutment of the Bridge over Kettle Brook of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company—thence northwardly on line of School District No. 4 to the northeast corner of the buildings attached to the dwelling house of Ebenezer Collier—thence northerly on line of School District No. 4 to the north side of the Patch road at its intersection with Main Street—thence northwardly on line of School District No. 1 to the apple tree on land of Rejoice Newton on the south side of the Tatnuck Road or Pleasant Street which is the place of beginning.

School District No. 13.

Beginning at the monument on town line at the corner of the towns of Auburn and Leicester which is the southwest corner of the town of Worcester—thence in a northeasterly direction on line of School District No. 3, to the southwest corner of the south abutment of the Bridge over Kettle Brook of the Norwich and Worcester Rail Road Company and line of School District No. 4 (thence southerly on line of School District No. 4) to the centre of the stream of Kettle Brook at the line of the town of Auburn where said stream passes from Auburn into Worcester—thence on the line of the town of Auburn westerly to the place of beginning.

School District No. 4.

Beginning at the north side of the Patch road at its intersection with Main Street which is also a corner of School Districts Nos. 1 & 3—thence by line of School District No. 3 to line of School District No. 13 at the southwest corner of the south abutment of the Railroad Bridge over Kettle Brook of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company—thence southerly to the centre of the stream of Kettle Brook where it passes from Auburn into Worcester at the line between said towns—thence on line of the town of Auburn eastwardly to an angle in said line—thence southerly by the line of the town of Auburn to the north side of the road passing the house of William Goss at the said line of the town of Auburn—thence northwardly by line of School District No. 5 to the southeast corner of the west abutment of the road Bridge across the Blackstone River in front of the house of Israel Whitney—thence northerly on line of School District No. 5 to the northeast corner of the west abutment of the Canal Bridge on land of Lewis Bigelow—thence on line of District No. 1 to the north side of the Patch road at its intersection with Main Street

which is the point of beginning—the Curtis farm surrounded by the town of Auburn is attached to this District.

School District No. 5.

Beginning at the northeast corner of the west abutment of the Canal Bridge on land of Lewis Bigelow and at the corner of School Districts Nos. 1 & 4—thence southerly on line of School District No. 4 to line of the town of Auburn at the north side of the road passing the house of William Goss—thence southerly on line of the town of Auburn to line of the town of Millbury—thence easterly on line of the town of Millbury to the thread of the stream of Broad Meadow Brook where it crosses the line of the towns of Millbury and Worcester—thence northerly on line of School District No. 6 to the north east corner of the farm house of Lewis Bigelow—thence westerly on line of School District No. 6 to the east side of Harrison Street and line of School District No. 1—thence on line of School District No. 1 to the northeast corner of the west abutment of the Canal Bridge on land of Lewis Bigelow which is the place of beginning.

School District No. 6.

Beginning at the corner of School Districts Nos. 1 & 5 at a point on the east side of Harrison Street before mentioned—thence eastwardly and southerly on line of School District No. 5 to line of the town of Millbury—thence easterly on line of the town of Millbury to line of the town of Grafton—thence northwardly on line of the town of Grafton to line of the town of Shrewsbury—thence northwardly on line of the town of Shrewsbury to a stump of a Chestnut tree on town line and one of the monuments thereof and is situated on the margin of Quinsigamond or Long Pond and is at the first angle on the town line north of the corner of the town of Grafton—thence westerly on line of School District No. 7 to the bound or angle in the road a few rods south of the house belonging to the heirs of the late Leonard Flagg—thence northwesterly on line of School District No. 7 to the line of School District No. 1 at the southwest corner of the south abutment of the Railroad Bridge of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation over the Pine Meadow road—thence southerly on line of School District No. 1 to line of School District No. 5 at a point on the east side of Harrison Street and is the place of beginning.

School District No. 7.

Beginning at the corner of School Districts Nos. 6 & 1 at the northwest corner of the south abutment of the Railroad Bridge over Pine Meadow road thence easterly on line of School District

No. 6 to a stump of a Chestnut Tree on line of the town of Shrewsbury on the west margin of Quinsigamond or Long Pond —thence northerly on line of the town of Shrewsbury to a monument on the town line at the margin of said Quinsigamond or Long Pond at near its north end—thence southwesterly on line of School District No. 8 to the well easterly of the house of William N. Green called the Crawford house and at line of School District No. 1—thence southerly on line of School District No. 1 to the southwest corner of the south abutment of the Railroad Bridge over Pine Meadow road and is the place of beginning.

School District No. 8.

Beginning at the corner of School Districts Nos. 12 & 1 at the northwest corner of the east abutment of the road Bridge over Mill Brook on the road leading from Worcester to West Boylston which Bridge is northerly of the Cemetery—thence easterly on line of School District No. 1 to line of School District No. 7—thence easterly on line of School District No. 7 to line of the town of Shrewsbury at the monument at the margin of Quinsigamond or Long Pond near its north end—thence northerly on line of the town of Shrewsbury to line of the town of West Boylston—thence on line of School District No. 9 to the line of School District No. 12 at the east side of the road leading from Worcester to Lancaster passing the dwelling house of Walter Bigelow, at the line at said road dividing the land of Walter Bigelow and the land formerly belonging to Reuben Knights on the south side thereof—thence southwesterly on line of District No. 12 to the northeast corner of the west abutment of the road Bridge north of Paine's Grist Mill—thence southerly on line of School District No. 12 to the line of District No. 1 at the northwest corner of the east abutment of the road bridge north of the Cemetery and is the place of beginning.

School District No. 9.

Beginning on the east side of the road leading from Worcester to Lancaster passing the house of Walter Bigelow at the line at the road dividing the land which formerly belonged to Reuben Knights at the corner of School Districts Nos. 12 & 8—thence northeasterly on line of School District No. 8 to line of the town at the monument between the towns of Worcester, Shrewsbury & West Boylston—thence on line of the town of West Boylston to the northeast corner of the town of Worcester—thence southwesterly on the line of West Boylston to the line of the town of Holden—thence southwesterly on the line of the town of Holden to a point on said line twenty rods west of the westerly side of the old Holden Turnpike—thence southeasterly on line of School Dis-

trict No. 12 to the east side of the Lancaster road at the place of beginning.

School District No. 12.

Beginning at the corner of School Districts Nos. 1 & 8 at the northwest corner of the east abutment of the road bridge north of the Cemetery—thence northeasterly on line of School District No. 8 to School District No. 9—thence northwesterly on line of School District No. 9—to line of town of Holden—thence southwesterly on line of town of Holden to a point on said line twenty rods northeast on said line of the easterly side of the road near the house of Ephraim Drury—thence southerly on line of School District No. 10 to the northwest corner of the farm Barn of John Pratt being the corner of School Districts Nos. 1, 10 & 11—thence northeasterly on line of School District No. 1 to the northwest corner of the east abutment of the road Bridge north of the Cemetery being the place of beginning.

School District No. 10.

Beginning at the corner of School Districts Nos. 1, 12, & 11 at the northwest corner of the farm Barn of John Pratt—thence northerly on line of School District No. 12 to the line of the town of Holden at a point on said line twenty rods northeast of the easterly side of the road near the house of Ephraim Drury—thence southwesterly on the line of the town of Holden to the centre of a small stream crossing said town line easterly of the Holden road which passes the School House of District No. 11—thence southearterly on line of School District No. 11 to the northwest corner of the farm Barn of John Pratt at the beginning.

School District No. 11.

Beginning at the corner of School Districts Nos. 1, 10 & 12 at the northwest corner of the farm barn of John Pratt—thence northwesterly on line of School District No. 10 to the line of the town of Holden at the centre of a small stream crossing said line and easterly of the road leading from Worcester to Holden—thence southwesterly on line of town of Holden to line of School District No. 2 at the centre of the Tatnuck Brook on said town line—thence southeasterly on line of School District No. 2 to the intersection of the line dividing the lands of John Hammond and Jotham B. Pratt and the line of land of Stephen Salisbury on line of School District No. 1 thence on line of School District No. 1 to the northwest corner of the farm barn of John Pratt and is the place of beginning.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted by order of the Selectmen, John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Worcester April 7, 1845.

Voted, to accept the foregoing report, and that the lines of the several School Districts be established as therein proposed.

Article 24. On motion of John F. Pond it was Voted to reconsider the vote passed on the third day of March last, viz. "that the town will, at the expense of the town, build and keep in repair all the School Houses in town."

Voted, that the whole subject be now refered to a Committee to consist of thirteen persons, one from each School District, to be nominated by the Chair, who are to report thereon at some future meeting of the town; and Alpheus Merrifield, Charles Blair, Levi Knowlton, Lewis Chapin, Gardner S. Burbank, Darius Rice, Daniel Harrington, George W. Rugg, Jonathan A. White, Walter H. Davis, Thomas Chamberlain, Horace Chenery and John F. Boice, were chosen.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Capt. C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of the Town of Worcester,

Sir, The Selectmen have appointed *Silas Dinsmore on Main Street, *Samuel C. White on Washington Square, *Charles Davis at the Grove Mill, *Charles D. Howe at Brittan's Brick Yard, *Austin G. Fitch at Quinsigamond Village, *Frederic Cutting at New Worcester, *George A. Chamberlain on the Holden Road as Measurers of Wood, Bark &c. for the present year.

For the Selectmen of Worcester, John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

May 5, 1845.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester holden at the Town Hall on Saturday, this twenty fourth day of May, at two o'clock P. M. the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Article 1st. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator and took the Chair.

Article 2d. The Committee chosen on the 3d. day of March last, made a Report which was read by Gen. Chamberlain, the Chairman of the Committee, and on motion of S. M. Burnside, Esq. it was Voted that the Report be accepted, and that the votes therein recommended, be adopted; which said votes are in the words following to wit: "Voted, that the town do grant to the

* Sworn.

Worcester Aqueduct Company all the right, title and interest which the town has in and unto Bladder Pond, so long as said Aqueduct Company shall use it for the purposes contemplated in their act of Incorporation ; Provided, the town shall always be held harmless from any damage which may arise in consequence of diverting the waters of said Pond from their natural course."

"Voted that the town pay to said Aqueduct Company the sum of Four hundred dollars annually, so long as said Company shall keep their Aqueduct in efficient and successful operation—Or, the town will annually pay to said Aqueduct Company the sum of Five hundred dollars, untill the net income of said Company including the Five hundred dollars shall exceed six per cent. of the whole expense of constructing and keeping in repair, said Aqueduct—when the excess shall be applied to reimbursing the town untill the whole is paid—And to ascertain when such contingency arises, the Selectmen for the time being, shall have free access to the Books of said Company at all times—Provided the said Aqueduct Company shall make their election between the foregoing propositions, and file a certificate of the same with the Town Clerk before they proceed to construct said Aqueduct—And Provided further, that the town shall always have the right to take water from the Hydrants for the extinguishment of fires, whenever in the opinion of the Engineers, or any one of them it is necessary."

"Voted, that the said Aqueduct Company have liberty so to vary from the original *plan* of their location as to go down Mechanic Street, instead of going down Front Street—And they may extend the line of said Aqueduct in such other directions as the interest of the Corporation may seem to require—And in order to entitle the Corporation to either of the aforesaid annuities from the town, said Corporation shall fix such number of Hydrants and in such locations, as the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department shall direct."

Voted that any monies necessary to be paid by the town for the purpose of carrying into effect either of the foregoing propositions, to be paid, by the Board of Selectmen, for the time being, from monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Articles 3 & 4. Voted that the consideration of these articles be indefinitely postponed, the subject matter thereof being embraced in the foregoing votes under the second article.

Article 5. The "Act regulating the use of Steam Engines and Furnaces" passed on the 25th day of March last, was read by the Moderator, and on motion of S. M. Burnside, Esq. it was Voted, that the Town do adopt the aforesaid Act, which said Act is in the words following to wit :

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows.

Sec. 1. No Furnace for melting of Iron, or stationary Steam Engine designed for use in any mill for the planing or sawing of boards, or turning of wood in any form, or when any other fuel than coal is used to create steam, shall hereafter be erected, or put up to be used in any City or Town in this Commonwealth, unless the Mayor and Aldermen of such City, or Selectmen of such Town, shall have previously granted license therefor, designating the place where the buildings shall be erected, in which such steam engine or furnace shall be used, the materials and construction thereof, and such other provisions and limitations, as to the height of flues, and protection against fire, as they shall judge necessary for the safety of the neighborhood; such license to be granted on written application, and to be recorded in the records of such city or town.

Sec. 2. Whenever the Mayor and Aldermen of any city, or the Selectmen of any town, after due notice in writing, to the owner of any such steam engine or furnace heretofore erected, or in use, and a hearing of the matter, shall adjudge the same to be dangerous, or a nuisance to the neighborhood, they may make and record an order, prescribing such rules, restrictions and alterations, as to the building in which such steam engine or furnace is constructed, or used, the construction and height of its smoke flues, or other provisions, as they shall deem the safety of the neighborhood to require: and it shall be the duty of the city or town clerk to deliver a copy of such order to a Constable, who shall serve such owner with an attested copy thereof, and make return of his doings thereon to said Clerk, within three days from the delivery thereof to him.

Sec. 3. Any such engine or furnace hereafter erected without license made and recorded as aforesaid in section first, shall be deemed and taken to be a common nuisance, without any other proof thereof than proof of its use; and any steam engine or furnace used contrary to the provisions of section second, of this act, shall be taken and deemed to be a common nuisance.

Sec. 4. The Mayor and Aldermen of any City, or Selectmen of any town, shall have the same power and authority to abate and remove any such steam engine or furnace erected or used contrary to the provisions of this act, as are given to the Board of Health, in the tenth and eleventh sections of the twenty first chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Sec. 5. Whenever application shall be made for license as aforesaid, the Mayor and Aldermen of any City, or Selectmen of any Town, shall assign a time and place for the consideration of the same, and shall cause public notice thereof, to be given at least fourteen days beforehand, in such manner as said Mayor and Aldermen, or Selectmen, may direct, and at the expense of the applicant, in order that all persons interested may be heard before the granting of a license.

Sec. 6. Any owner of a steam engine, or furnace, aggrieved by any such order as is provided in section second of this act, may apply to the Court of Common Pleas, if sitting, in the County in which such engine or furnace is situated, or to any Justice thereof, in vacation, for a Jury, and such Court or Justice shall issue a warrant for a Jury, to be empannelled by the Sheriff, in the same manner as is provided in the twenty fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes, in regard to the laying out of Highways; such application shall be made within three days after such order is served upon the said owner; and the said Jury shall be empannelled within fourteen days from the issuing of said Warrant.

Sec. 7. Upon any application to said Court of Common Pleas, or to any Justice thereof, for a Jury; said Court or Justice, on granting the same, may in its or his discretion issue an injunction restraining the further use of said engine or furnace, until the final determination of such application by the Jury and Court, to which such verdict may be returned.

Sec. 8. The Jury shall find a verdict either affirming or annulling the said order in full, or making alterations therein, as they may see fit; which verdict shall be returned to the next term of the said Court by the Sheriff for acceptance, in like manner as in the case of Highways, and which verdict being accepted, shall be binding to the same effect as the original order would have been without such appeal.

Sec. 9. If the verdict shall affirm such order, costs shall be recovered by the city or town against such applicant; if the verdict shall annul such order, in whole, damages and costs shall be recovered by the complainant against such city or town; and in case the verdict shall alter such order in part, the Court may render such judgment as to costs, as to justice shall appertain.

Sec. 10. This act shall not be in force in any town or city, unless the inhabitants of the town, or the city council of the city, shall adopt the same at a legal meeting of said inhabitants, or City Council, called for that purpose.

Sec. 11. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved by the Governor, March 25, 1845.

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

June 9, 1845.

Forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, certified returns of the Marriages and Deaths which had taken place in this town for the year ending April 30, 1845. The School Committee have not made any return of the Births in the town for the last year. The whole number of Marriages, according to the returns made to me was 79. The whole number of Deaths 227.

C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall on Saturday, this fifth day of July A. D. 1845 at 3 o'clock P. M. in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and having read said Warrant, called upon the qualified voters present to nominate some person for a moderator of the meeting.

John W. Lincoln having been nominated, was chosen to that office and took the stand.

Article 2. The Building Committee of the Walnut Street School House made a report, which was read by the moderator, he being also the Chairman of said Building Committee, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester."

The Committee of the town of Worcester, in presenting the report of their doings would ask leave to call the attention of the town to the authority given them which is as following;— "Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed, who are hereby authorized and empowered as soon as a site is selected, purchased and conveyed, to the town, or determined on by them, to determine upon a plan for said House, in concert with the Town School Committee, and then to make contracts and superintend the building of the same, procure suitable furniture and cause it to be properly placed, and do all matters and things necessary to fit and prepare the house for the purposes proposed."

The site was selected by a large Committee of the Town composed of members from the several school districts and was purchased at the sum of $1650—over this the Building Committee

had no control. This is not to be understood as implying that the Committee are not satisfied with the location, of that they make no objection, but it is stated for the purpose of adding that the location required a plan of a building more expensive in its construction, and caused a greater expenditure in the preparation of the ground than might have been contemplated. The plan of the building was adopted after frequent meetings of the School and Building Committees, the former consisting of nine and the latter of five members, of both fourteen persons who jointly were made a Committee for this purpose, and it received the approval of all.

The Committee were directed to provide for the accommodation of one hundred pupils in one room and seventy five pupils in another—those numbers could not be arranged with any regard to uniformity—seats for 96 pupils have been placed in one room and 84 in the other, making 180 in the two rooms instead of 175 seats. The Committee considered it as their duty to have some regard to the rapid increase and future wants of the town, and in the adoption of the plan the present necessities of the town were not considered as a limit for the accommodations to be provided for, the seats in the two rooms can be increased by the addition of 100 without causing any inconvenience to the present arrangement, and in addition to the convenient recitation rooms, there are two large and pleasant rooms in the attic, which if necessary may be used as school rooms—The building is 75 feet by 50 feet, 3 stories high on the east side, and 2 in the rear. It was contracted for on the most favorable terms offered for the sum of $8,850—and the work has been done in a most faithful and substantial manner. The extra work which has been done under the supervision and approbation of the Committee amounts to the sum of $1,477.68. These several sums viz. $1650 for the purchase of the land—$8,850 the amount of the contract for the Building, and $1,477,,68 for the extra work authorised by the Committee amount to $11,971,,68 which is but little short of the whole amount appropriated by the Town.

The Committee being unwilling to proceed upon their own responsibility have deemed it their duty to report progress and leave it to the Inhabitants to determine whether they will cause the additional furniture to be procured, outbuildings and fences erected and the land and walks properly graded and prepared for the uses of the town.

The Committee have requested the aid of the Town School Committee in forming an estimate of all which may be wanted to

fully complete and furnish the Building. The result of the conference is as follows.

The estimate cost of Fences, Gates, whitewashing the same & Bank Walls	320
Of 2 necessary Buildings built of brick with Stone Vaults and Lattice work about the same	210
Of Curb-stone, stone walks and paving around the Building	148
4 Hitching Posts on east side of the Building	3
Gradeing land	85
2 long Tables with Drawers—4 Desks	30
4 of Mr. Miller's Ventillating School House Stoves with Pipe, Zinc &c.	160
1 dozen chairs	15
6 settees for the Recitation rooms &c 80 ft.	40
Lightning rods for the Building and putting on	50
Mats &c. for the different parts of the Building	30
Blackboards & painting	30
	1,121
Deduct balance of appropriation	28 32
	1,092,,68

All which is respectfully submitted

For the Committee—John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Article 3d. On motion of A. D. Foster, it was Voted, that the sum of Eleven hundred dollars be raised by the Board of Selectmen, in same manner as the original sum of $12,000 was to be raised by them to be repaid in like manner; and that the aforesaid Building Committee be authorised to expend so much of said sum of Eleven hundred dollars as may be necessary to finish and complete said House and the appurtenances thereof, according to the latter part of their Report, above recorded.

Voted, that the meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester July 22, 1845

To Charles A. Hamilton, Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester,

We hereby certify, in conformity with a vote passed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester at a legal meeting holden

on the 24th day of May A. D. 1845, that the Worcester Aqueduct Company do now elect to accept from the Town of Worcester, the second proposition in said vote, viz, The Town will annually pay to said "Aqueduct Company the sum of Five hundred dollars untill the net income of said Company including the Five hundred dollars shall exceed six per cent. of the whole expense of constructing and keeping in repair said aqueduct; when the excess shall be applied to the reimbursing the Town untill the whole is paid;" and this Certificate "is filed" with you as Town Clerk in pursuance of the vote aforesaid.

The Worcester Aqueduct Company,
By Stephen Salisbury, Isaac Davis, W. A. Wheeler, Samuel Davis, H. W. Miller } Committee of Managers.

Received July 22, 1845 and recorded
C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester Oct°. 7, 1845

C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk of Worcester.

*Mr. Arnold Anthony is appointed a measurer of wood & Bark.

F. W. Paine.

We the Subscribers on behalf of the towns of Worcester and Leicester met this day at the stone monument at the northwesterly corner of Worcester to perambulate the line between said towns —the next monument we found is a heap of stones in land of Amos Howard—thence to a Chestnut tree marked by the side of the road near the house of the late Abel Green dec^d^. thence to a heap of stones by a pine tree in the old road near the house of Sewall Sargent—thence to a stone monument on line of the town of Auburn—the whole of said line supposed to be straight from corner to corner—and we have renewed said monuments and signed duplicates of our doings.

Tho. Chamberlain, Lewis Chapin, Darius Rice } For the town of Worcester.

Heman M. Burr, Henry A. Denny } For the Town of Leicester.

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*Sworn.

We the subscribers, on behalf of the towns of Worcester and Auburn, met this day at the stone monument at the southwesterly corner of Worcester to perambulate the line between said towns, and proceeded thence to a heap of stones near the road and opposite the house of Andrew Gates, thence to a stone monument at an angle in said line in land formerly belonging to Henry Patch farm—thence to a stone monument in the road westerly from the house of Wm. Goss—thence to a similar monument by wall between lands of s[d]. Goss and Art[s]. Ward 2[d]—thence to a stone monument on the line of the town of Millbury. All of which monuments we have found in good condition—and we have signed duplicates.

	Tho. Chamberlain Lewis Chapin	For the town of
October 15, 1845	Darius Rice	Worcester.
	Nath[l]. Stone Leonard Rice	For the town of Auburn.

We the Subscribers, on behalf of the towns of Worcester & Millbury met this day at a stone monument, corner of Worcester and Auburn, on the line of Millbury, for the purpose of perambulating the line between our s[d]. towns—and we proceeded thence to a stone set in the wall of John Park—thence to a heap of stones in land of Josiah Woodward—thence to a stone monument by a wall near the Grafton road and opposite the house of Winthrop Morse —thence to another monument in land occupied by Charles Wesson, and on the line of Grafton—all of which monuments we find in good repair—of which we have signed duplicates.

Darius Rice Lewis Chapin	For the town of Worcester.
James H. Benchley Jabez Ellis	For the town of Millbury.

We the Subscribers, on behalf of the towns of Worcester and Grafton met this day at a stone monument in land occupied by Charles Wesson, being a corner of Worcester & Millbury on the line of Grafton for the purpose of perambulating the line between our s[d]. towns—and we proceeded thence to another similar monment by the side of a Pond—the true *corner* being *in* said Pond —and we report said monuments in good condition—of which we have signed duplicates.

Darius Rice Lewis Chapin	For the town of Worcester.
Luke Leland Rufus E. Warren	For the town of Grafton.

We the Subscribers on behalf of the towns of Worcester and Shrewsbury met this day at a stone monument, by the side of a Pond, called Flint's Pond in land occupied by Charles Wesson, for the purpose of perambulating the line between our said towns —and we proceeded thence to a stone monument by the road east of the house of Rufus Wesson—thence to a stone monument in land of Rufus Wesson—thence to a stone monument on the west bank of Long Pond beside a chestnut stump—thence to another stone monument near the head of said pond directly on the beach—thence in a direct line to a stone monument at the corner of West Boylston and near the house of Cyrus Lovell—and we report said monuments in good condition—of which we have signed duplicates

Tho. Chamberlain, Lewis Chapin, Darius Rice } For the town of Worcester.

October 16, 1845

Jabez Hapgood, Jonathan Nichols, Chas. E. Miles } For the town of Shrewsbury.

We the Subscribers on behalf of the towns of Worcester and Paxton, met this day at a stone monument, being the corner between said towns, on the line of Leicester, for the purpose of perambulating the line between our said towns, and we proceeded thence to a monument by the side of the old road to Paxton—thence to a stone monument, being the corner of Holden and Paxton—and we find said monuments in good order—of which we have signed duplicates.

Tho. Chamberlain, Lewis Chapin } For the town of Worcester.

Richardson H. Browning, Lewis Bigelow } For the town of Paxton.

We the Subscribers, on behalf of the towns of Worcester and Holden, met this day at a stone monument, the corner of Holden and Paxton on the side line of Worcester, for the purpose of perambulating the line between our said towns, and proceeded thence to a stone monument in the road near the house of Newell Moore —thence to a stone monument in the road near the house of Mrs. A. H. Seaver—thence to a large rock with stones on it, at a corner of Thomas Marshall's land—thence to a stone monument in the road, northerly of Walter H. Davis' house—thence to the corner of West Boylston, where a stone monument stands by the side of an apple tree—the whole of said line supposed to be but

one course—we find all said monuments in good order—of all which we have signed duplicates.

	Tho. Chamberlain	For the town of
October 17, 1845	Lewis Chapin	Worcester.
	Sam[l]. D. Greenwood	For the town of
	George W. Bascom	Holden.

We the Subscribers on behalf of the towns of Worcester and West Boylston, met this day at a stone monument in land of Henry Parker, being the corner of Holden and West Boylston on the side line of Worcester, for the perambulation of the line between our said towns, and proceeded thence to a stone monument by the side of the new county road from Worcester to West Boylston —thence to a stone monument in the old road to West Boylston —thence to a stake and stones in the woods, a few rods east of said old road—thence to monument in Cyrus Lovell's orchard—thence to the corner of Shrewsbury, being a stone monument in said Lovell's land, all of which we find in good condition—of which we have signed duplicate returns.

	Tho. Chamberlain	For the town of
	Darius Rice	Worcester.
October 17, 1845,	Lewis Chapin	
	David C. Murdock	For the town of
	John May	West Boylston.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, holden, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, at the Town Hall, on Monday, this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand, eight hundred and forty five, being the second Monday in said November, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, J. W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding, the whole of the Board being present and assisting; J. W. Lincoln called the meeting to order, and read the warrant therefor: he then stated what were the legal qualifications of voters, and cautioned all, who were not thus qualified, against voting.

Article 1st. Voted to choose three persons to represent the town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

The Moderator then directed the legal voters to bring in their Ballots for three Representatives and place them in one Ballot Box, and also their Ballots for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and five Senators and place them in another Box.

The votes having been brought in, assorted and counted, were as follows, to wit:

For a Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred and fifty eight.

George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had eight hundred.
Isaac Davis of Worcester had four hundred and eleven.
Henry Shaw of Lanesborough had four hundred and twenty.
Samuel E. Sewall of Roxbury had one hundred and twenty four.
Henry W. Bishop had one. Augustus Waters had one.
Adolphus Morse had one.

For a Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was Seventeen hundred and sixty one.

John Reed of Yarmouth had eight hundred and five.
George Savary of Bradford had four hundred and eleven.
Charles W. Moore of Charlestown had four hundred and nineteen.
John M. Brewster of Pittsfield had one hundred and twenty six.

For Senators.

The whole number of Ballots was Seventeen hundred and sixty.

John G. Thurston of Lancaster had eight hundred and seven.
Joseph Stone of Hardwick had eight hundred and seven.
Stephen Salisbury of Worcester had eight hundred and four.
Calvin Willard of Millbury had eight hundred.
Jason Goulding of Phillipston had eight hundred and six.
Walter A. Bryant of Barre had four hundred and ten.
Adam Harrington of Shrewsbury had four hundred and eleven.
Francis Howe of Brookfield had four hundred and eleven.
Ivers Phillips of Fitchburg had four hundred and eleven.
Orison Underwood of Milford had four hundred and ten.
William Sigourney of Oxford had four hundred and fourteen.
Rev. Seth Alden of Brookfield had four hundred and sixteen.
Gen. Thomas Davis of Lancaster had four hundred and sixteen.
Samuel Harrington of Grafton had four hundred and fifteen.
Royal B. Hancock of Worcester had four hundred and sixteen.
Thomas W. Ward of Shrewsbury had one hundred and twenty five.
Rhodolphus B. Hubbard of Worcester had one hundred and twenty six.
Joseph Griggs of Millbury had one hundred and twenty six.
Gilman Jones of Ashburnham had one hundred and twenty six.
Charles Adams Jr. of North Brookfield had one hundred and twenty seven.

Gardner Ruggles of Hardwick had one. Jon[a]. D. Wheeler of Grafton had one. Charles Russell of Princeton had one. John P. Kettell of Worcester had one. Salem Town of Charlton had one.

For Representatives to the General Court.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred and thirty seven. Necessary to a choice eight hundred and sixty eight.

Ira M. Barton had seven hundred and ninety three.
John M. Earle had seven hundred and eighty nine.
Darius Rice had seven hundred ninety three.
James Estabrook had three hundred and ninety eight.
Edward Lamb had four hundred.
Charles Bowen had four hundred and one.
Col. Warner Hinds had four hundred and fifteen.
John F. Gleason had four hundred and sixteen.
Samuel Foster had four hundred and fourteen.
Benjamin Goddard 2d had one hundred and twenty five.
Charles White had one hundred and twenty six.
Austin G. Fitch had one hundred and twenty six.
Nath[l]. Brooks had one. T. A. Merrick one. Nathan Muzzy had one.

No one having a sufficient number of ballots to be elected.

The Ballots having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as on this and the preceding pages, declaration thereof was made, and returns, in due form, of the votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators, were made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

Article 4. John W. Lincoln was chosen Moderator.

Article 5. [Petition of George A. Trumbull and others for the town to secure right to a sluice way from Main street near Dixie's store to the Meadow.] Indefinitely postponed.

Article 6. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [to dispose of water which passes down Front street] be refered to a Committee of three persons to be chosen by nomination, and instructed to report thereon at the next town meeting, and Isaac Davis, George A. Trumbull & Stephen Bartlett were chosen as said Committee.

Article 7. Voted, that the "town will permit" "the Methodist Society" "to open the fence on the Common in front of their Church and gravel a walk at their own expense from said fence in a line to the front of the Union Meeting House as far as the intersection of the walk from the northwest and southeast corners of the Common."

It was moved by Elisha Fuller that when this meeting adjourns, that it adjourn to tomorrow, Tuesday, then to meet at this place at 9 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of again proceeding to choose some persons to represent this town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth, which motion, after two unsatisfactory attempts, was decided in the negative.

It was afterwards moved by Thomas Kinnicutt, that when this meeting shall adjourn, it be adjourned to tomorrow, at 10 o'clock A. M. which after a good deal of heated discussion and excitement, was decided in the negative.

It was then moved by Joel Wilder, that the meeting be dissolved; it having become dark in the hall, and difficult to ascertain the exact state of the vote, the voters being nearly equally divided, two of the Board of Selectmen were despatched among the Crowd to count the hands, but their counts not agreeing, the question was again tried by the holding up of hands, and the Moderator, "by and with the advice and consent of the" Board of Selectmen, declared the meeting to be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of this town, holden on Monday this twenty fourth day of November at nine o'clock, A. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, J. W. Lincoln, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding, the whole of said Board being present, and assisting.

J. W. Lincoln called the meeting to order and read the Warrant therefor, and then took up

Article 1. Voted, to choose three persons to represent the town in the next General Court of the Commonwealth.

Article 2d. J. W. Lincoln called upon the legal voters to bring in their votes for three Representatives upon one Ballot.

The Votes having been brought in, assorted and counted, were as follows:

The whole number of Ballots was thirteen hundred & ninety four.

Necessary to a choice six hundred & ninety eight.

Ira M. Barton	had	seven hundred & twenty nine.
John M. Earle	"	seven hundred & twenty six.
Darius Rice	"	seven hundred & twenty eight.
Col. Warner Hinds	"	three hundred & twenty eight.
John F. Gleason	"	three hundred & twenty nine.

Samuel Foster had three hundred & twenty nine.
James Estabrook " two hundred & forty seven.
Edward Lamb " two hundred & fifty three.
Charles Bowen " two hundred & fifty three.
Benjamin Goddard 2d " eighty. Charles White had eighty one.
Austin G. Fitch " eighty one. N. Muzzy " one.
T. A. Merrick " three Caleb Newcomb " one.

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

On this 24th day of November A. D. 1845 the Selectmen appointed *Wm. M. Dodd, Edward Southwick, as measurers of Wood, Bark & Charcoal for the current year.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Cap^{n}. Hamilton Sir.

*Maj^{r}. Enoch Flagg has been appointed Measurer of Wood, Bark &c. in the town of Worcester.

For the Selectmen of Worcester J. W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Jany. 24, 1846.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, holden at the Town Hall pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, on Monday this second day of March A. D. 1846 at 9 o'clock A. M. the following proceedings were had, to wit:

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and having read the Warrant for calling the meeting, called upon said qualified voters to bring in their Ballots for a Moderator to preside over the doings of the meeting: the Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted were as follows; The whole number of Ballots was 260 Necessary to a choice 131 F. W. Paine had 177 I. Davis 83. F. W. Paine being declared elected, took the stand.

Article 2d. Voted to choose five Selectmen.

The Moderator then called upon the voters to bring in their Ballots for five Selectmen, upon one ticket, and deposite the same in one Ballot Box, and at the same time to bring in their Ballots for a Town Clerk and deposite the same in another Ballot Box.

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* Sworn.

The Ballots for a Town Clerk having been brought in, assorted and counted, it was found that the whole number was 599 and that, with one exception they all were for Charles A. Hamilton, who took the oath of office before the Moderator of the meeting "in open town meeting."

The ballots for Selectmen having been brought in, assorted and counted it appeared that the whole number of Ballots was 782 Necessary to a choice 392.

Fred. Wm. Paine had 627—Edward Earle 434—Jonas Bartlett had 428—Samuel Davis had 630—Eben^{r}. H. Bowen had 395—Edward Lamb had 333—Samuel Banister had 197—Austin G. Fitch had 200—Isaac Davis had 140—James S. Woodworth had 135—Samuel Stowell had 135—Joel Wilder had 135—Ephraim Mower had 1—Benj^{a}. Barbour had 1—& George T. Rice had 1.

The following named persons were declared elected.

*Fred^{k}. Wm. Paine, †Edward Earle, *Jonas Bartlett, *Samuel Davis, *Eben^{r}. H. Bowen.

Voted to choose three Assessors.

Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor.

The Moderator then called upon the legal voters to bring in their ballots for a Town Treasurer, and deposite them in one Ballot Box; and their ballots for three Assessors, on one ticket, and deposite them in another Ballot Box; and their ballots for three Overseers of the Poor, on one ticket, and deposite them in a third Ballot Box; the ballots so brought in, were assorted and counted, and were as follows, viz.

The whole number of ballots for a Town Treasurer, was 369. Necessary to a choice 185.

John Rice had 316 and William Greenleaf had 53.

*John Rice was declared to be elected.

The whole number of ballots for Assessors was 356. Necessary to a choice 179.

Edward H. Hemenway had 220—Fred^{k}. W^{m}. Paine had 221—Samuel Perry had 220—Isaac Davis had 51—James Estabrook had 38—Lewis Bigelow had 48—Thos. Chamberlain had 85—W^{m}. Greenleaf had 98 & H. N. Tower had 82.

*Edwd. H. Hemenway, *Fred^{k}. W^{m}. Paine, *Samuel Perry were declared to be elected.

The whole number of ballots for Overseers of the Poor was 360 Necessary to a choice 181.

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*Sworn. †Affirmed.

Alpheus Merrifield had 321—Edward Earle had 244—Walter Bigelow Jr. had 243—Charles White had 77—Joseph Lovell Jr. had 75—Daniel Stone had 38—Joseph Lovell had 38 and Daniel Goddard had 38.

Alpheus Merrifield, Edward Earle, Walter Bigelow Jr. were declared to be elected.

Voted that this meeting be now adjourned to two o'clock P. M.

At two o'clock P. M. the meeting was again opened by the Moderator, and it was voted that the Polls for a Register of Deeds for the County and for a Treasurer for the County be opened, and kept open while the town proceed to the transaction of the other business of the meeting.

Voted to choose twelve Constables—and that a Committee of nomination to consist of five persons be appointed by the Chair, to report, forthwith, to the meeting, the names of suitable persons to fill the said office of Constable. The Chair appointed Thomas Chamberlain, John Hammond, John W. Lincoln, John F. Pond and Amos R. Harlow as said Committee of nomination, who, after being out a short time, came in and reported the following names ; to wit,

*George Jones, *Edwin Eaton, *Asa Matthews, Claudius B. Long, *Frederick Warren, *Calvin W. Angier, Charles P. Bancroft, *Levi Jackson, *Benj^{a}. B. Otis, Sumner Pratt, William R. Wesson, *Luther Gunn.

Voted, to accept the foregoing report, and that the persons there named be the Constables of the town for the current year.

Voted, that the town will not choose any Tythingmen.

Voted, to choose Thirteen Field Drivers, by nomination at large ; and *John F. Pond, Josiah Freeman, Oliver K. Cook, Jeremiah Rogers, *Erastus W. Wheeler, Ezekiel Daniels, Alden H. Sears, Thomas Case, *Tyler P. Curtis, *Estes H. Sandford, Wm. H. Harris, Adolphus Morse, *George Aldrich were chosen.

Voted to choose one other Field Driver residing in District No. 8 ; and Jonas Rugg was chosen.

Voted to choose one other Field Driver, residing in New Worcester ; and Tyler Marble was chosen.

Voted to choose Thirteen Fence Viewers, being one for each School District, and in Dist. No. 1 *Joseph Lovell Jr. 2 *Levi Gates, 3 *Chas. M. Deland, 4 Pitt Holmes, 5 *Josiah G. Perry, 6 *Seth Fisher, 7 *Jonas Bartlett, 8 *John Barnard, 9 *Jabez

* Sworn.

Rice, 10 *Ezekiel Newton, 11 Thomas Nichols, 12 *John H. Brooks Jr. 13 *Peter M. Bancroft were chosen.

Voted, to choose Five Surveyors of Lumber, who shall also be Surveyors of Shingles and Clapboards, by nomination at large, and *Walter R. Bigelow, *John F. Gleason, Mason H. Morse, *James S. Woodworth, Tilly Raymond were chosen.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorised to appoint a Pound Keeper, a Sealer of Weights and Measures, and a suitable number of Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal.

Voted, that School District No. 1, be permitted to choose their own Prudential School Committee, and that the town now proceed to the choice of a Prudential School Committeeman, for each of the other School Districts, by nomination at large, and in District No. 2 Benjamin Flagg, 3 Charles M. Deland, 4 Elisha Taft, 5 Benj[a]. F. Stowell, 6 Seth Fisher, 7 Benjamin Harrington, 8 Elijah Flagg, 9 William Eames, 10 Elijah Stow, 11 Nath[l]. C. Moore, 12 Calvin Brigham, 13 Lewis Young were chosen.

Article 3. The Ballots for a Register of Deeds for the County having been brought [in] and counted, it appeared that

Alexander H. Wilder had Five hundred and ninety two votes, and that no other person had any.

Article 4. The Ballots for a Treasurer for the County having been brought in and counted, it appeared that Anthony Chase had Five hundred and seventy two votes and that no other person had any.

Article 5. Voted that the subject matter of this article be refered to a Committee of five persons, to be nominated by the Chair, who shall make an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenses of the town, the current year, and John W. Lincoln, Tho[s]. Chamberlain, James Estabrook, Isaac Davis, & Henry W. Miller were chosen as said Committee.

Article 6. The subject matter of this article [compensation and duties of the Assessors] be refered to the above named Committee of Estimates.

Article 7. Voted, that the subject matter of this article, [pay of Town Clerk] also, be refered to the above named Committee of Estimates.

Article 8. Voted, that the Town Treasurer, be the Collector of Taxes, and that the subject matter of the remainder of this article [abatements] be, also, refered to the abovenamed Committee of Estimates.

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*Sworn.

Article 10. The Selectmen made a report which was read by Col. J. W. Lincoln, and is as follows; to wit,

"The Selectmen of the town of Worcester on the completion of their official duties for the year submit a brief statement of the concerns of the town with such suggestions as they have deemed it proper to make.

The appropriations made by the town for the last year were as follows. [See page 287].

The expenditures have been as follows.

For Schools for 1844	2,457.05	
" " " 1845	4,742.18———	7,199 23
Lamps and taking care of them		509 30
State Tax 1844		914 25
County " 1845		3,193 27
Overseers of the Poor		2,072 42
Walnut Street School House		6,450
Funerals		223 75
Pay of Enginemen for 1844		1,525 02
" " 1845		100
Contingent expenses Fire Department 1844–5		400
New Engine		840
S. Burt's note for Cattle		73
Assessors		290
Selectmen		100
Interest on permanent loans		1,378 75
on temporary loans		384 87
Principal of temporary loans made last year		5,693 27
Contingent Expenses		1,372 27
New road towards Grafton		1,530 46
Work for the County $559,,35 Potash Hill 755,,75		1,315 10
Roads except (in District) No. 1		2,130 52
Roads in District No. 1		1,606 98
Balance in Bank		804 14
		40,106 60

The receipts have been as follows,

Balance in Bank February 1845	738 89
Of Commonwealth for support of Paupers	543 42
For rents	400 75
Sundry items	116 49
Interest	33 10
Note of John Shea paid by him	20
Oxen sold	263 50

Permanent loan	4,000
Note to County	2,633 92
Note to Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,000 —
Manufacturers M. F. Insurance Comp^{y}	1,000 —
Taxes of S. Bartlett for 1842–3	441
" " J. Rice " 1844	772 52
" " " " 1845	27,583 66
Work done for the County	559 35
	40,106 60

These accounts are made up to the 15th of February, since which time $171.21 has been paid to the Overseers of the Poor, and is here stated to account for an apparent difference of the above statement with the account of that Board, as they will report to the town.

The amount charged Roads District No. 1 includes payment for the rebuilding of the Bridges near the Grove Mill of Stephen Salisbury Esq. which are covered with Timber; the rebuilding of the Bridge in School Street with a stone covering; and the procurement of Plank for the re-covering of the two Bridges near the Factory of William B. Fox & Co. It also includes work done on the Millstone Hill road to the amount of $67.50—this last work was not within the limits of the Road District, but it being deemed important for the interests of the town that the work should be done, the men and teams employed by the District were sent to do it. There is also included in the same account the labor of men and teams in grading the grounds about Walnut Street School House amounting to the sum of $116,,28 which has since the making up of this account been paid over to the town.

The town appropriated $250 for work to be done on Potash Hill and at that time it was expected that there would be a pecuniary subscription to an equal amount by which that road might be put in good condition. The Selectmen believed that it was useless to do anything, unless the work could be done in a most thorough manner, and although they were aware that this work would cost more than had been represented to the town by those who have urged the measure, they believed that it would be better to do the work at once, than that it should be made the subject of yearly discussion before the town. And the work has been done in such manner, as that the road will remain in good condition if permitted to continue, as it was finished. On the west side a drain was dug in the centre of the road four feet deep, and as wide, from the top to near the foot of the hill, an open drain

laid in the bottom, and filled to the top with stone, which it is believed will render this part of the road dry, if proper attention is hereafter paid to the side ditches.

For the stones the town is largely indebted to D. Waldo Lincoln Esq. and to several of the good citizens of Tatnuck, whose only compensation was the satisfaction of aiding in a good work, and the expectation of future benefit from the use of the road. No pecuniary assistance has been received from any one, which the town had assurances would have been furnished by certain individuals. On the east side of the Hill a blind drain was also carried down in the middle of the road for a considerable distance, the grade of the road reduced, the ditches cut down so as to keep the water from soaking up into the road, causing deep mud in the Spring of the year, and the road left in good condition. Scarcely had the workmen left the road, before the ditches were filled up and paved with stone, without the knowledge of the Selectmen untill it had been done, and in such a manner that there is reason to fear that the mud below where the blind drain terminated will hereafter be as deep as before. It is of little use for the authority of the town to make any improvement on the roads unless their work is allowed to remain in the same condition after it is done. No individual at his own pleasure should be allowed to make such alteration as may suit his own private convenience, he should be made to know that he [has] no right to raise or lower the land within the public streets without the consent of those who have the legal charge of them, and under their direction.

The Selectmen during the past year have made some alterations in the grade of some of the sidewalks, but no[t] so many as they had determined on, and intended to do ; although they expected to leave something for their successors to do, it was not their wish to leave so much undone.

The new road over Pine Meadow is in bad condition and there is no suitable material to repair it within the limits of the public highway. It is understood that the Superintendent of the Boston and Worcester Railroad will consent that the material taken out of the "Deep Cut" should be used for that purpose, provided that it be taken in such manner as not to endanger the running of the Railroad, and it is recommended that this road be repaired with that material.

It is extremely difficult to obtain suitable gravel to repair the roads, not only in the Centre District but in several Road Districts of the town ; it is recommended that the town instruct the

Selectmen to make enquiry where gravel can be obtained in the several parts of the town, and that they be authorized to purchase such gravel beds as they may think necessary for the town's use, if such purchases can be made at a reasonable price.

It is unofficially understood that the County Commissioners have located the Floating Bridge over Long Pond as a public road, if this is true, this town will be called upon to expend a large sum of money for which they can never receive any adequate remuneration, and not even the satisfaction of believing that the *Public* will receive a corresponding benefit. The expense of that Bridge ought never to be imposed on this town. It is stated that for the purpose of influencing the minds of the County Commissioners offers were made to repair the Floating Bridge at a very low price—it is believed that it will be much for the interest of the town to leave that work in the hands of the Commissioners; that the town will thereby save a considerable amount of money and will then be only receivers against their will of property forced upon them, which neither belongs to the County to take, or to give away.

The Selectmen had hoped that the town might be spared for at least one year from any tax imposed by the County Commissioners for new roads, but that hope it is feared will prove delusive—there are now several petitions pending before that Board, and from past experience it is feared that the interests of the town, or the burdens which may be imposed upon it will not be much regarded.

The Selectmen as Surveyors of Highways in addition to the manure put on the Common, sold a considerable quantity, part of it for money which has been expended on the roads, and a part of it to D. Waldo Lincoln for Trees. Some of the Trees (53) were set out on the Common the last Spring, which were paid for in that manner, and the balance it was intended to place in the same public ground to succeed the trees which had died, and holes were dug for that purpose. When the petition of the Methodist Society that they might be allowed further to lay open the Common, and to alter the arrangement of the grounds was presented to the town, the work of further improvement was suspended, and after that question was decided, the Chairman of this Board, who had taken the immediate charge of that public ground, considering that the faith pledged to those individuals who had contributed a large share of the money for the improvement of the Common had been violated, refused to take any further care of it, and the holes which had been prepared, were not

filled with trees. There is now due from Mr. Lincoln $11.75 to be paid in trees subject to the order of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen were charged with the location of the public Lamps, and although this subject received their immediate attention, there was some delay in placing them and contracting for the care of them. They have arranged the Lamps in such manner as to light the entrances of the several Streets, where it is supposed that strangers and those doing [business] from other towns would probably have occasion to go, and also near the several Rail-roads to guard from danger, the number now lighted is not greater than the former number, but it is believed that they are more usefully located. The Lamps have been kept in better order the past year than at any former period since they have been under the care of the Selectmen. Many of the Lamp Posts have become much decayed and should be immediately replaced by new Posts.

No new Guide Boards have been erected during the last year, the whole subject of Guide Boards and the location of them requires revision.

The water from Bell Pond has been brought into the Village and conveyed through the Streets in conformity to the plan established by the town, and has twice been successfully used in the extinguishment of fires. There has already more property been saved by the use of this Aqueduct than would pay the interest on the expenditure for many years. It is believed that all have become satisfied with the result of the experiments which have thus been made ; those who have been discontented, that their fears were without good foundation both as regards the sufficiency of the supply of water and the efficiency of its power to extinguish fires ; those who were friendly to the project, that they did not over-estimate its benefits, and that it is worth greatly more than its cost. An appropriation must be made to meet the engagements of the town on account of this enterprise. Those who have property situated more remote from the Hydrants having witnessed the great security against destruction by fire which those now possess in its vicinity by the use of the water will petition the town that the Pipes may be extended for their benefit, and it is believed that it will be more for the interest of the town to pay the District to retain the water for security than that it should be sold for profit.

The School House in Northville, District No. 12, was burnt the last month. The Selectmen had obtained insurance on that, as they had on all the other Buildings belonging to the town, at the

office of the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for the sum of $200. That Company expressly stipulate that Ashes shall not be kept in wooden vessels, within, or in the vicinity of the building insured, and that they will not assure any risk therefrom, and the town in taking that Policy gave their assent to that condition. The Executive Committee of that Company claim that the Policy had been rendered void, by ashes having been deposited in a wooden vessel and suffered to remain within the building, that the fire was occasioned thereby, and that the Company are not liable to pay anything in consequence of the burning of that building. It is strange that a boy who was sufficiently old to make the fires, should not have known the great danger of putting ashes in a wooden vessel; it would seem from the frequent admonitions which have been given, that he would have heard of it, not only at home but elsewhere; but it is more strange that a young man claiming to have sufficient discretion to govern a school, should have seen ashes in that situation, and not have caused them to be removed; it was his duty so to have done, whether he had the charge of the fires or not. It will be necessary that the town should take some measures for the immediate rebuilding of that house.

The sum of $5,500 appropriated for the use of the District Schools has been divided as follows, $60 was given to each District from No. 2 to No. 13 inclusive and the remainder $4,780 was divided among the several School Districts in proportion to the number of minors in each District.

No. of District	No. of Minors	Allowance to District	Proportion of $4780	Total
1	3533	—	3,618 54	3,618 54
2	115	60.	117 79	177 79
3	244	60.	249 91	309 91
4	72	60.	73 74	133 74
5	122	60.	124 95	184 95
6	61	60.	62 48	122 48
7	93	60.	93 25	153 25
8	76	60.	77 84	137 84
9	87	60.	89 11	149 11
10	60	60.	61 45	121 45
11	68	60.	69 65	129 65
12	74	60.	75 79	135 79
13	62	60.	63 50	123 50
	4,667	720	4,780	5,500

Much complaint has been made by some individuals that the Selectmen have refused to license Doct^r. Robinson to exhibit a Theatrical Exhibition called "the Reformed Drunkard"—To that man they could not grant such a license even if they had no objection to the character of the exhibition. The last time Robinson was permitted to hold such an exhibition here, he took advantage of the very license which had been granted to him, by the Selectmen, to grossly insult the town. To him therefore, no favor could be granted by the municipal authority. No apology can be offered for his conduct, unless it shall be believed that he had been studying too hard the character he was about to represent, or that he is destitute of all sense of propriety, and is to be excused on account of his great ignorance of what is proper. But Robinson's improper conduct has not been the principal reason for rejecting the application to allow such exhibitions, as a similar request has been made by others to whom there was no personal objection. The Selectmen have believed that the tendency of such an exhibition was demoralizing in the extreme ; that it was calculated rather to increase the vice there represented than to diminish it. Intemperance is a sin to be lamented, and not to be laughed at, and should never be exhibited for the amusement of Boys, whether large or small. If it is wished to impress the minds of the Youth with the debasing effects of drunkenness, it would seem that the too frequent exhibition of it in our public streets would be sufficient for that object ; if more is wanted let them visit the Poor House, let them attend the weekly religious services at the Jail Chapel, and there they will witness the usual consequences of intemperance in a far better manner, than by being present at an exhibition of Robinson's, even if he should qualify himself to act in the most perfect and natural manner.

When Doct^r. Robinson last obtained a license in this town, it was granted by a vote of a bare majority of the Selectmen ; one of the Board, who had given his assent to the exhibition, was induced by what was said in opposition, to attend the exhibition on one of the evenings allowed. At the next meeting of the Board he was enquired of how far he was gratified with what he heard and saw on that occasion. His answer was that he was not much pleased. Did you regret that your wife and daughter were not present? He said he rejoiced that they did not accompany him ; that there was much that was low and vulgar, which he should wish that they should not hear. And what other than low and vulgar talk was to be expected, if the play was written in conformity to life, and represented scenes as they actually occur? Does not

intemperance debase the mind, and is not the common conversation of the drunkard usually profane, vulgar and obscene?

It would appear difficult to account for the importunity of those professedly temperance people, to obtain a license for Robinson, did they not themselves avow the reason, that if a license can be obtained for six nights, the profits of one night will be given to their Society. This manner of obtaining money cannot be justified. A similar reason is given in a distant City, and with the same propriety for licensing Brothels and Gambling Houses. A regard for character for consistency should have prevented the petitioners from presenting their application. They attempt to prove that these exhibitions can have no immoral effect by the assertion of the fact that they are numerously attended. Do they not know that the French Danseuse carried large sums of money from this Country; and do they not also know that the number of the spectators would have been extremely limited had it not have been generally known that these females would exhibit their persons in most indecent postures. The cause of chastity and virtue can be no more promoted by the public exhibition of the most vicious scene in the Prodigal Son spending his substance with Harlots in riotous living, than is the cause of Temperance by the public exhibition of the Drunkard, whether reformed or not.

Some months since, Green the self styled "Reformed Gambler" delivered a lecture in this town, and on the next day there was a greater sale of playing cards than had been had for weeks and months previous—this surely was not for good.

The debts of the town are as follows,

1 Note payable to Worcester County Institution for Savings for on which interest is paid to Sept. 14, 1845 at 5 per cent.	$8,950
1 Note to the same Institution for on which interest is paid to Jany. 1, 1846 at 5½ per cent	6,500
1 Note to the same Institution for on which the Interest is paid to Feby. 1, 1846 at 5 per cent.	7,000
1 Note to the same Institution for on which interest is paid to Feby. 17, 1846 at 5 per cent.	4,000
1 Note to Manufacturers M. F. Insurance Company dated Jany. 5, 1846 interest at 5 per cent.	1,000

1 Note payable to the County of Worcester dated Jany. 3, 1846 at 5 per cent.	2,633,,92
1 Note payable to Worcester County Institution for Savings dated Feby. 17, 1846 interest at 5 per cent	1,000
	$31,083 92

The three last notes are for temporary loans payable on demand, These temporary loans have been made from time to time as has been found necessary and paid off when the taxes are paid, and when the money is wanted for which the taxes were assessed new loans are made, in this way the town's money is made to earn its interest until wanted and the payment of a considerable amount of interest is saved to the town.

The town authorised the Selectmen to borrow for the enlargement of the Town Hall $10,000—for building School Houses $20,100—making for both objects $30,100—they have under that authority borrowed for the Town Hall in a permanent loan $6,500—for the building two School Houses in permanent loans $11,000—and in temporary loans $4,633,,92 making the sum of $22,133,,92, it being $7,966,,08 less than the amount of the loans authorised.

As the Collectors of Taxes make no report directly to the town it has been deemed proper for their information to present a transcript of their account.

The town of Worcester in account with John Rice, Treasurer & Collector, Dr.

1845 May	To Cash, poll taxes refunded to Enginemen		306 13
August 16	To 6 per cent discount allowed on taxes collected		1,388 97
Septem^{r}. 15	To 4 per cent. " " " "		76 41
Oct^{o}. 14	To 2 per cent. " " " "		21 89
	To Cash paid the Worcester Guards	224,,50	
November	To " " Infantry	242	466 50
1846 Feb. 21	To abatements of 1844 taxes since Feby. 14, 1845		373 71
	To Cash collected and deposited		772 52
	To abatements 1845		240 31
	To Cash collected and deposited in Citizens Bank		27,583 66
	To my Compensation		250
	To taxes of 1844 uncollected	1,031,,74	
	To taxes of 1845 uncollected	4,233,,95	5,265 69
			36,745 79

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1845 Feby. 15	By balance of taxes uncollected	2,177 97
May 1.	By Military money received from the State	444 50
June 28	By fine received from W^{m}. N. Green Esq.	2
July 16	By list of taxes committed to me	34,121 32
		36,745 79
1846 Feby. 21	Taxes of 1844 uncollected	1,031 74
	Taxes of 1845 "	4,233 95
	Military money due from the State	466 50

Mr. Stephen Bartlett's statement is as follows

Taxes of 1841 uncollected Feby. 26 1845	$7,,28	
Amount collected since	$7,,28	
Tax of 1842 uncollected Feb. 26, 1845		$79,,74
Amount collected since	$9,,66	
abated	63,,75	
uncollected Feb. 21, 1846	6,,33	$79.,74
Taxes of 1843 uncollected Feb. 26, 1845		$346,,27
Amount collected since	$220,,16	
abated	66,,11	
uncollected Feby. 21, 1846	60	$346,,27

The Selectmen would call the attention of the town to the large amount of taxes unpaid; it is unjust to those who pay their taxes promptly, that others should be allowed so long credit without interest. It is recommended that the town take some order thereon. All which is respectfully submitted,

For the Selectmen John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Worcester March 2, 1846.

Voted, that the foregoing Report be accepted, and that the Selectmen cause it to be printed for distribution among the Inhabitants of the town.

The Overseers of the Poor made a Report, which was read by the Moderator, and is in the following words. to wit :—

"The Overseers of the Poor submit the following as a report of their doings for the past year. The whole number that have received aid is three hundred and eighty two. Twenty four of which were at the Almshouse on the first of March last. Eighty eight have been admitted since. Two have died during the year. Eighty three have been discharged and twenty seven remain. Of those discharged three have been adopted and three have been Indented. Of the whole number of those who have received aid the past year, forty five have a settlement in this town. Fifty five are from

other towns in the State. Forty nine are from other States,—ten are from England,—nine from Canada—six from Scotland—four from Germany and two hundred and four are Irish. The whole amount expended from February 26, 1845 to February 21, 1846 is $3,603,,89. $949,,70 has been paid for supporting Patients at the State Lunatic Hospital, $55,,08 for burials of poor persons, $25,,06 for Insurance, $200,,00 to the former Overseers at the Almshouse, $40.,91 for Furniture, $25,,00 for Fruit Trees, and $104,,00 for Stock which is now on the farm. The extreme drought of the last season injured the crops materially, notwithstanding which the sales from the farm exceed any previous year, and there is now a sufficient supply for the ordinary consumption of the establishment. The remaining $2,206,,14 has been expended for the ordinary support of Paupers, which is too numerous to report. And they have received as follows, viz.

Balance on hand February 26, 1845	$106,,26
For support of State Paupers in 1844	543,,42
Of the Selectmen	1,700,,21
For sales from the farm	391,,26
From towns and individuals	862,,74
	$3,603,,89

There is now enough due the town from towns and individuals, exclusive of the account against the State of $533,,88 to meet all demands which become due on the first of April next.

Respectfully submitted, Alpheus Merrifield,
Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor of the town of
February 21, 1846. Worcester.

Voted, that the foregoing Report be accepted, and the Board of Selectmen cause it to be printed with the report of the former Board of Selectmen.

Article 11. The Committee chosen on the seventh day of April A. D. 1845 made a Report, which was read by the Moderator, and is in the words following, to wit:—

"A majority of the Committee to whom was refered the subject of the twenty fourth article in the Warrant for the annual meeting in March last, to wit: To see if the town will at the expense of the town build and keep in repair all the School Houses in the town:—have attended to the duty assigned them and recommend that the town pass the following vote.

Voted that the town assume the ownership of all the School Houses in the town:—that they build, rebuild or repair, whenever the Selectmen for the time being shall think necessary—and the

whole shall be under their supervision. Providing no repairs shall be made to any House by the town the expense of which does not exceed the sum of Five [dollars] ; but the same shall be done by the Prudential Committee for his own District, who shall have the same general oversight of the House as he now has.

Respectfully Submitted, Alph^{s}. Merrifield,
Chairm^{n}. of Committee.

Seven only of the Thirteen Districts were represented in the Committee, a minority of whom hold the opinion that great inequality would result if the vote recommended should be passed, as several of the Districts have recently incurred large expenses for repairing their Houses, and there are now other Houses which need such repairs. And further that the Houses will be kept in repair by the several Districts at much less expense than if done by the town."

Voted not to accept the foregoing report.

Article 12. Voted, that the Roads and Bridges of the town shall be repaired by Highway Surveyors, chosen for each Highway District, as was voted last year. The Highway Surveyors to be nominated by a Committee to be appointed by the Chair, which shall consist of three persons from District No. 1, and of one from each other District. The Chair appointed Joseph Lovell, Leonard Pool, & Edward Earle, Ashley Moore, William H. Heywood, Lewis Chapin, Josiah Rice, Charles Wesson, Benjamin F. Curtis, Curtis Rice, Jonathan A. White, Isaac Mills, John Flagg, Jr. and Samuel Stowell as said Committee of nomination ; who after having been out a short time, came in and reported the following named persons for Highway Surveyors, viz.

District No. 1 *Samuel Davis, 2 *Benjamin Flagg, 3 Jonathan Lyon Jr. 4 *Nathaniel Brooks, 5 *Amherst H. Hawes, 6 *Hezekiah Adams, 7 *Charles Bowen, 8 *Moore M Chaffin, 9 *Cyrus Lovell, 10 *Jeremiah Rogers, 11 *George A. Chamberlain, 12 *Frederick Stowell, and they were unanimously chosen.

Article 13. Voted, that "the town will defray the expenses of Burials in the manner voted last year."

Article 14. Voted, that "the town will take care of, and defray the expenses of the Clocks of the 1st & 2d Parishes, the current year."

Article 15. Voted that "the town will cause the Lamps in the Centre School District to be lighted as was voted last year."

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Article 16. Voted, that "the town will cause a Bell to be rung at noon, and at 9 o'clock P. M. the current year."

Article 17. Voted, that "the town will cause Bells to be rung in case of an alarm of fire."

Article 18. Voted, that the town will not "suspend the operation of the Law respecting the Killing of certain kinds of Birds."

Article 19. Voted, that "the town will authorise the Prudential Committees in the several School Districts, to contract with the Teachers of their respective School Districts."

Article 20. Voted, that "the Town will accept the 19th, 20th & 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes."

Voted, that the consideration of the subject matter of the remainder of the article be refered to the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 21. Voted, that "the town will grant to the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company the right of laying a Railroad track over the Public Common, on the east side of the track of the Norwich and Worcester Rail Road Company, and between the rows of Trees which have been set out on each side of the track now laid over the Common."

Article 22. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [school houses in Centre District] be referred to a Committee, to consist of five persons, to be appointed by the Chair, to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting; and the Chair appointed A. D. Foster, Thos. Chamberlain, Isaac Davis, Lewis Chapin, George Bowen.

Article 23. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [to permit Centre School District to occupy room in the Brick School House formerly occupied by the Hook & Ladder Co.] also be referred to the last above named Committee to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 24. Voted that "the town will grant the use of the upper Town Hall, one evening per week, during the ensuing year, to the Washington Temperance Society, for its weekly public meetings."

Article 25. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [Petition of J. W. Goodrich for use of Town Hall for Washington Temperance Society] be indefinitely postponed.

Article 26. Voted, that the subject matter of this article [damages for locating Union street] be referred to a Committee, consisting of three persons, to be chosen by nomination at large, and who are to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting,

and John F. Pond, Henry Goulding & James Estabrook were chosen.

Article 27. Voted, that the Engineers of the Fire Department, be authorised to procure for the use of the Town, such quantity of Fire Engine Hose, as they may deem expedient, not exceeding one thousand feet, and also, to procure one or more Hose Carriages.

Article 28. Voted that the subject matter of this article [Fire Engine to be located at Tatnuck] be referred to the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 29. Voted, that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, that when this meeting shall adjourn, it adjourn to the first Monday of April next, at two o'clock P. M.

Voted, that this meeting be now adjourned.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of Worcester, held March 2d, 1846, the whole Board being present, the following appointments were made, viz.

*John Field to be Sealer of Weights and Measures.

*Samuel Lawton to be Keeper of the Pound.

*Silas Dinsmore, *Edward Southwick, *Samuel C. White, Charles Davis, *George A. Chamberlain, *Austin G. Fitch, *Frederick Cutting, *Enoch Flagg, *Arnold Anthony, Benjamin Flagg, *Charles D. Howe, to be Measurers of Wood, Bark & Charcoal.

Fred. Wm. Paine, Chairman of the Board.

To C. A. Hamilton, Esq. Town Clerk of the Town of Worcester.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, held on this sixth day of April A. D. 1846, at two o'clock, P. M. by adjournment from the second day of March last, the following proceedings were had; to wit.

Article 2. Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee to consist of Five persons who shall forthwith report the names of Thirteen suitable persons, to compose the Town School Committee; and the Moderator appointed A. D. Foster, Thos.

Chamberlain, Silas Barber, John W. Lincoln, and John F. Pond, who after a short absense came in and reported the following list, to wit.

W^m^. N. Green, Chas. H. Hill, Fred^k^. W. Gale, Alonzo Hill, Albert Case, Maturin L. Fisher, Saml. F. Haven, John Jennings, James Porter, Geo. P. Smith, Peter C. Bacon, Chas. W. Hartshorn, Chas. Washburn.

As there were no printed ballots for the abovenamed School Committee, the Moderator directed the voters to bring in their ballots, Yea or Nay, for said list of candidates for the office [of] a School Committee, which having been done, and the ballots assorted and counted, it was found that said persons were chosen, there being 35 Yeas to 3 Nays.

Maturin L. Fisher came in, afterwards, and asked to be excused from serving on said Committee; and he was accordingly excused; whereupon the Moderator called upon the voters to prepare, and bring in their ballots for some person to supply the vacancy; the ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number was 28. Necessary to a choice 15. Warren Lazell had 17 David M. Warren had 2 David Warren had 1 ——— Fitch had 2 A. D. Foster had 2 Nathan Heard had 1 J. P. Kettell had 1 J. B. C. Davis had 1 R. B. Hubbard had 1.

Warren Lazell was therefore declared elected.

Thomas Nichols wished to be excused from serving the town in the capacity of Field Driver, and it was voted that he be excused; whereupon *George A. Chamberlain was chosen for that District.

On motion of Joseph Lovell Jr. it was voted that there be two more Fence Viewers chosen, and *Benjamin Walker, *Henry Earle were chosen.

J. Lovell Jr. then asked that he might be excused from serving in said office of Fence Viewer, to which he was chosen on the second day of March, and for which he had been qualified by taking the oath of office, and he was accordingly excused.

Jonathan Lyon Jr. asked to be excused from serving in the office of Highway Surveyor, for District No. 3, to which he was chosen on the 2d day of March last, and he was accordingly excused, and *Uriah Stone was chosen for that District.

Jacob Bean moved that there be Four Constables chosen, in

*Sworn.

addition to the number chosen in March last; and it was voted to choose Four persons, by nomination, at large, for that office, and *Jubal H. Haven, *Lewis Thayer, *Asa D. Whittemore, *Charles Warren were chosen.

Articles 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9. The Committee chosen on the second ult°. to take into consideration the subject matter of these several articles, made a report which was read by the Chairman, Col. J. W. Lincoln, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Inhabitants and legal voters of the town of Worcester.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the following articles in the Warrant for the March meeting, viz. Article 5. To determine what sums of money shall be raised to defray the expenses of the town for the current year—Article 6th. To fix the compensation and determine the duties of the Assessors—Article 7th To see if the town will grant to the Town Clerk any pay for his services, and if so, how much.

Article 8th. To determine the compensation of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and what abatements shall be made to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within 30 days, 60 days, or 120 days from the time the tax bills shall have been committed to the Collector.

Article 9th. To see if the town will fix any time within which all taxes shall be paid—have considered the several subjects committed to them and would report under the 5th article, that the following sums should be raised to defray the expenses of the town the current year.

For repairing roads and bridges	$3,600	
(Added by a later vote, for the purpose of making a Culvert in Front Street.)	500	
For repairing Pine Meadow road	250	
" new roads	1100	$5,450
District Schools	6,000	
For Classical & English High School instruction, fuel & taking care of the house	2,500	
" rebuilding School House in Northville	400	
		8,900
" principal and interest of town		6,000
" Support of the Poor		1,600
" additional pay to the Town Clerk	30	
" pay of Assessors	350	
" pay of Chairman of Selectmen	200	
" " " of Overseers of the Poor	100	

* Sworn.

For pay of Treasurer & Collector	300	980
" Discount and abatement of taxes		2,500
" Contingent expenses		1,000
" ringing bells & taking care of Clocks		125
" Funeral expenses		250
" Oil and taking care of Lamps		700
" Worcester Acqueduct Company		400
" Hose & Hose Carriages voted to be procured		760
" pay and expenses of the Fire Department including $400 for contingent expenses		3,431
Article 6th.		$32,096

The Committee under the fifth article reported as to the amount of the Compensation of the Assessors, and in fixing that amount it was the opinion of the Committee that in consequence of the division and sub-division of property which was constantly going on in town and more particularly in the Centre District and the varying value of the same property as it may be changed from one purpose to another it was for the interest of the town that a new valuation should be annually made, and that with the increase of the population the difficulty of getting the names of those liable to a poll tax was much increased ; this part of their duty is highly important and should be carefully attended to, not only as regards the collection of taxes from all that are legally liable but also as regards the elective rights of those individuals.

Article 7th. Capt[n]. Hamilton, at the request of the Committee, was present when the subject of this article was considered ; he explained to them how much his duties had been increased by recent provisions of Law for which, as well as for much other duty, he received no compensation ; he stated that he should be satisfied with the addition of thirty dollars—the Committee being satisfied that with this addition he would receive small pay for the services rendered, could not object to report that sum.

Article 8th, relating to the time of payment of taxes, and the discount to be allowed, the Committee recommend the passage of the votes submitted with this report, which they trust will ensure the prompt collection of the taxes of the town. The increase of compensation proposed to the Collector is no greater than the addition which has been made to the amount to be collected, when the compensation was fixed, and if he shall make a seasonable collection of taxes committed to him the saving to the town will be far greater than the additional compensation.

All which is respectfully submitted, For the Committee,

April 6, 1846 John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Voted, that the foregoing report be accepted, and that the sum of Thirty two thousand and ninety six dollars, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of Worcester and upon such property of non-resident proprietors as may be in the town and subject to taxation, for the purposes specified in said report.

Voted, that the votes, prepared by the before named Committee, and submitted with their report, be adopted by the town, and they are in the words following, to wit :—

Voted, that every person who shall voluntarily pay to the Collector of Taxes, or his Deputy, the amount of his or her taxes for the current year within thirty days after the delivery of the tax bills to said Collector shall be entitled to a discount therefrom of six per cent, or in sixty days next after the delivery of said tax bills shall be entitled to a discount therefrom of four per cent, or within one hundred and twenty days next after the delivery of said tax bills shall be entitled to a discount therefrom of two per cent.

Voted, that the Collector of taxes be directed to enforce the collection of all taxes remaining unpaid at the expiration of the said one hundred and twenty days or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, but the collection of any taxes may be enforced within the said term of one hundred and twenty days, if in the opinion of the Collector, the amount of such tax (in whole or in part) will be lost by the delay.

Voted, that the said Collector be required to complete the collection of the taxes committed to him for the current year, on or before the fifteenth day of February next, and on that day or as soon thereafter as he may be called on [for] that purpose to settle and account with the Selectmen of the town or with such other officers or Committee as the town may appoint, for the whole amount of said taxes.

And in case the said Collector shall refuse or neglect so to enforce the collection, except in those particular cases in which he may have previously received a written order from the Assessors for an abatement of the whole or a part thereof, or an order in writing from said Assessors for a suspension of the collection of any particular tax, or shall neglect or refuse to settle and acconnt for said taxes, he shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for his services as Treasurer and Collector for the current year.

On motion of Col^{n}. J. W. Lincoln, it was voted, that the Board of Selectmen be a Committee for auditing the account of the Treasurer and Collector af Taxes—and that the Board of Assessors be a Committee to audit the accounts of the Selectmen.

Article 10. Rev[d]. Geo. P. Smith read the report of the Town School Committee—whereupon it was Voted to accept the same, and that the Selectmen be instructed to cause such a number of the report to be printed as will furnish one copy thereof to each family in town; and that when they are printed the Selectmen shall deliver to the Prudential School Committee of each District in the town a sufficient number for their respective districts, and said Prudential Committees are to attend to the distribution of the said Report.

As said report has been withdrawn from the files for the purpose of procuring the Printing thereof, it cannot be entered on the record here now, but may be found on the

A report made by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, was read by the Moderator of the meeting, and is in the following words, to wit.

To the Selectmen of the town of Worcester,

Gentlemen, In compliance with the seventeenth article of the rules and regulations of the Worcester Fire Department making it the duty of the Chief Engineer to make a correct return of the condition of the said Fire Department one week previous to the first of April annually, I herewith submit the following Report :—

At the organization in May last the Department consisted of Three hundred and fourteen members distributed as follows.

To Engine No. 2	located at	New Worcester	55	members
" " " 3	"	on Main Street	55	"
" " " 4	"	at Town Hall	47	"
" " " 5	"	Lincoln Square	55	"
" " " 6	"	on Market Street	55	"
" Hook & Ladder	"	on Common	35	"
Engineers			12	
		Total	314	

The members of the different Companies and the Department generally have the past year exhibited their usual promptness and energy, thereby fully sustaining the high reputation the[y] have hitherto acquired.

As the Engines, Hose, Hooks & Ladders, and all the other apparatus, belonging to the Department, have the past year been under the immediate supervision of the Chief Engineer, he does not deem it necessary to make a detailed report of all the different apparatus, but would observe that they are in good order, and ready, at all times, to render efficient service in case of fire.

The Deparment have been called out eight times, by the alarm of fire, the past year.

1st. The Sash and Blind Manufactory on Austin Street. Damage trifling.

2d. The roof of J. Pratt & Earle's Iron Foundry near Canal. Damage trifling.

3d. The "Summer Street House." Damage mostly by water.

4th. Harmon Lanckton's house. Damage to the roof and upper story considerable.

5th. A Barn in rear of Warren Lazell's Bookstore owned by S. M. Burnside and occupied by Moses Spooner, was considerably damaged. At this fire the power and ability of the Aqueduct to extinguish fires was fully tested, and surpassed the expectation of its most sanguine friends. It is the opinion of the Board of Engineers that had it not been for this supply of water, the destruction of property would have been immense.

It may not be deemed hazardous to express the opinion that whenever the water is carried to all parts of this District it will be almost an impossibility for this village to be visited by a conflagration similar to those that have swept over many of the Cities and Villages around us the past year.

6th. False alarm. (Fire said to have been at Woonsocket Falls, twenty five miles from here—Clouds very brightly lighted up).

7th. School House at Northville, totally destroyed.

8th. The Factory belonging to J. K. L. Pickford at Tatnuck. Totally destroyed.

In accordance with a vote of the Town the Engineers have purchased One thousand feet of Hose, together with two Pipes for the same, at an expense of Six hundred and sixty dollars, and they have likewise contracted for Two Hose Carriages at an expense of One hundred dollars, making in all Seven hundred and sixty dollars. All which is respectfully submitted,

Joel Wilder,

Chief Engineer Worcester Fire Department."

Worcester, April 6, 1846.

Voted that the foregoing report be accepted.

Article 11.

The Committee chosen on the tenth day of November, last, to take into consideration the subject matter of this article, and report thereon, made a report which was read by Col. Isaac Davis, and is now in the words following, to wit:—

"The Committee to whom was referred the 6th article in the Warrant for last November meeting, to wit: "To see if the town

will take any measures to dispose of the Water which passes down Front Street"—have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following Report.

The Committee upon a careful investigation of the facts ascertained that a very large proportion of the water, to wit all that came from Main & Pleasant Streets passed on the north side of Front Street till it reached the valley near the Hubbard Estate & then passed northwardly in the meadows. Some eight or ten years since the Surveyor turned the water from the north side of Front Street to the south side by means of which it passed off through the low lands on the south side of Front Street. The water running down Front Street has been greatly increased within a few years by the construction of new Streets—and it is now very injurious to the owners of land on the South side of Front Street.

Your Committee see no reason why the various proprietors of these lands should suffer the great inconvenience arising from the water which passes down Front Street from time to time.

They therefore recommend that the town cause a large Culvert to be constructed from the valley near the Hubbard estate to the Canal which will take off all the water complained of.

This recommendation would not be very expensive to the town as the Culvert [would] pass through gravel all the way and as the gravel is wanted to repair the Streets.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Isaac Davis
G. A. Trumbull
Stephen Bartlett

Voted, to accept the foregoing report—and that the sum of Five hundred dollars be raised by assessment upon the Polls and Estates &c. &c. and added to the amount appropriated for the repairing the Roads & Bridges of the town, but with the understanding, that the whole, or as much as may be needed therefor, shall be applied to the making the Culvert, recommended in the foregoing Report, to be expended under the direction and supervision of the Highway Surveyor of the District in which it will lie.

Col. J. W. Lincoln read a Report, made by the Committee who built the Walnut Street House, which is in the words following :—

To the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester. The Committee for building the Walnut Street School House would respectfully present their final report. The School House which they were directed to cause to be erected has been completed, and is now

occupied for the purposes for which it was built—how convenient is its arrangement and how well the work has been done, is not for them to say, they only report that it has received their approval.

The expenditure has been as follows.

The town of Worcester in account with the Committee Dr.

To Cash paid	I. M. Miles by contract			8,850	
" " "	" for extra work			482	20
" " "	Black & Perry for excavating for Building and for digging and stoning well			376	74
" " "	Joseph Lovell for Gravel			36	
" " "	Michael Driscoll for placing Gravel			9	
" " "	Nahum Gates for laying Drain			9	
" " "	H. D. Goodnow for paving in Cellar			17	20
" " "	S. Putnam for Stone for Drain			10	
" " "	A. R. Black for Stone & laying bank wall			153	83
" " "	C. P. Nichols for painting by agreement			50	
" " "	A. C. Osmer for painting blackboards			5	
" " "	E. G. Partridge's bill of Chairs & Settees			47	76
" " "	Wm. Leggate for mats			18	88
" " "	Ayres & Rice for Lightning rods			42	50
" " "	H. D. Goodnow for Curb Stones & Paving			106	73
" " "	E. Tucker for Pipe and Pumps			56	24
" " "	J. Lovell Jr. for Bricking top of Well			4	50
" " "	H. N. Tower for Chairs, Desks &c.			815	89
" " "	J. H. Litch for Tables, Desks & Blackboards			55	
" " "	J. C. Morse for Flagging Stones for walks			16	
" " "	B. Conant for Painting & Whitewashing			22	
" " "	Wm. A. Wheeler in part for Furnaces			125	
" " "	Road District No. 1 for grading land			116	28
" " "	B. Barber for Stone Gutters			5	25
			$11,451		

Contra Credit,

By Cash rec[d]. of the Selectmen by Horatio N. Tower in behalf of the Committee at different times	11,450	
By the *Honor*, labor and trouble of serving the town	1	
	$11,450	

Horatio N. Tower acted as the Agent of the Committee both in receiving and disbursing the money and has fully paid the

balance in the manner above mentioned, having no other compensation for his services than as above stated. The amount paid by the Selectmen for the land $1,650,, and the sums received by the Committee $11,450 make the amount of the appropriations by the town for the erection and furnishing the School House $13,100. All which is respectfully submitted,

For the Committee, John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Worcester, April 6, 1846.

Article 21. Voted, that the vote passed on the 2d. ult°. in relation to the Providence and Worcester Rail Road Company be reconsidered for the purpose of making an amendment, moved by Benjamin Flagg, and it was Voted to amend said vote, by adding to end of the same, the words "for their Passenger business"; and said vote, as amended, will read thus: Voted, that the town will grant to the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Company the right of laying a Railroad-track over the Public Common, on the east side of the Norwich & Worcester Rail Road Company, and between the rows of Trees, which have been set out on each side of the track now laid over the said Common, for their Passenger business.

Articles 22 & 23. The Committee chosen on the 2d ult°. to take into consideration the subject matter of these articles made a report, which was read by the Chairman of said Committee, and is in the words following, to wit:

The Committee, appointed at the town meeting, held on the second day of March last, to consider and report upon the subject matter of the 22d & 23d articles in the Warrant calling said meeting, make their Report.

The Committee have been permitted to examine a report, on the subject of new schools and new school houses in the centre district, made by a committee of the Board of Overseers of Schools in said District. They refer to that report and ask that it may be read to the town for the information it contains.

They have also made other examination and enquiry, and four of the Committee agree in the recommendations they now make; the other member of the Committee, Hon. Isaac Davis, was prevented, by other engagements, from attending either of their meetings.

The Committee are entirely satisfied that the present wants of the District require additional school rooms; and the prospect of an increase of population is such that more rooms should be provided than are now needed. It will take many months to erect

suitable buildings, and judging from the past three years, there will be no part unoccupied long after they are finished.

From 1842 to 1845 the number of taxable polls increased 963 —and the valuation of property, upon which taxes are assessed $1,442,400. This statement will indicate the want and the ability to meet it.

The 23d article to see if the town will permit the room in the Brick School House on the Common occupied by the Hook & Ladder Company, to be occupied for Schools.

This room is now suitably fitted for the use to which it is appropriated, and is centrally situated—It would require considerable expense to alter the room and house so as to fit it for Schools; and as the Committee propose that sufficient accommodations for schools be elsewhere provided they can see but one motive for making the change suggested. If the Hook & Ladder Company interfered with the schools in the building, or the schools with them, it would be well to remove the Company to another location. But the Committee cannot learn that there is any such interference; and they recommend that this article in the Warrant be indefinitely postponed.

Under the 22d article the Committee recommend that the Selectmen be authorised to sell and convey the School House and lot on Summer Street now occupied by the North Infant School and to appropriate the proceeds thereof, towards defraying the expenses of other School Houses.

They also recommend that the town build two additional School Houses, one at the South part of the Village, sufficiently large to accommodate three or four schools in each; and that they appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars to procure Lots and build said Houses.

They recommend that the town appoint a Committee of five or seven persons, to be designated by a nominating committee appointed by the Moderator, and that said Committee be authorised to select and purchase lots and to make plans and contracts for said houses and superintend the erection thereof; and that the Selectmen be authorised to pay for the same upon the order of said Committee.

It has occurred to this Committee that possibly the school house lot on Thomas Street, by turning the present school house, may be made to accommodate another house; they have ascertained that the house can be turned and fitted anew for Twelve hundred dollars—If this location shall be thought by the locating and building committee a suitable one, it is recommended that

they have authority to turn said school house and use said lot instead of purchasing at the north part of the village.

It has also occurred to this Committee that possibly, the corner of the Common where the wooden school house and Pound now are, might answer for the other house to be built. If it should be so judged by the locating and building committee it would become necessary to remove the wooden school house and the Pound and possibly the Hearse House.

This Committee recommend that the Selectmen should in that case, be authorised to sell or remove said school house, and to buy a spot of ground, out of the village, and build a new Pound, and to remove the Hearse House, or sell it, and enlarge the new building for a school house, so as to have room under the same roof, for the Hearses.

It will be seen that the Committee contemplate entrusting large powers with the locating and building Committee and the Selectmen. This is necessary, unless there should be other town meetings, and the Committee required to report to them.

But limiting the amount to be expended, this Committee are of opinion that it will be wiser to give the whole authority suggested—To make their recommendations more definite they annex them in the form of votes, for the town to adopt if they see fit. For the Committee A. D. Foster.

Worcester April 6, 1846.

Voted that the foregoing report be accepted.

In compliance with one of the recommendations in the foregoing report, the Moderator, "designated a nominating committee," consisting of John W. Lincoln, Wm. A. Wheeler and Isaac Davis, to report the names of five suitable persons for the locating and building Committee referred to in the foregoing report: which said nominating Committee came in and reported the following names, to wit:—Stephen Salisbury, Joseph Sargent, Levi A. Dowley, Ichabod Washburn and Samuel Davis, and they were accepted by the town, and their names were ordered to be inserted in the 4th vote prepared by the Committee and annexed to the foregoing report.

Voted that the town do adopt the several votes prepared by said above named Committee, and annexed to their report, which said votes are in the words following to wit.

"1st. Voted, that the 23d article in the Warrant be indefinitely postponed.

2d. Voted, that the town build two new school houses in the Centre District: and that, to procure lots and erect said houses

the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars be appropriated to be levied and assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such property of non-resident proprietors as may be in the town and liable to taxation, in this, and the five following years in equal proportion.

3d. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorised to borrow money as the same may be needed, to be repaid as provided for in the preceding vote.

4th. Voted, that Stephen Salisbury, Joseph Sargent, Levi A. Dowley, Ichabod Washburn and Samuel Davis be a Committee authorised and empowered to select and purchase lots for said School Houses; to procure plans and make contracts for building said Houses and to superintend the erection thereof; and the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorised to pay all orders drawn by said Committee, for those purposes, not exceeding in the whole the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars.

5th. Voted, that the locating and building Committee have authority to use the School House lot on Thomas Street for one of the Houses and to turn the present House so as to give room, if they judge best. And, if said Committee determine the southeast corner of the Common to be a suitable lot for the other House, that the Selectmen have authority to sell or remove the wooden school house now standing there; and to procure a new lot for the Pound and to build a new Pound.

6th. Voted, Also, that, in case the southeast corner of the Common be used for a new School House the Committee consult with the Selectmen as [to] the expediency and propriety of building a Hearse House under the same roof: and that they have authority to do it, if said Committee and the Selectmen judge best."

Articles 20, 28 & 29. The Committee chosen on the 2d ult°. being the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, to take into consideration the subject matter of the latter part of the 20th article, and also the subject matter of the 28th & 29th articles, made a report, which was read by the Chief Engineer, Joel Wilder: when upon motion of John F. Pond, it was voted to accept the same: which said report is in the words following, to wit:

"The Board of Engineers to whom was refered the 20th, 28th & 29th articles in the Warrant for the annual meeting submit the following report;—

1st. Article 20th. To see what compensation the town will make for the services of the Fire Department. The Board recommend the same compensation for services as paid the current

year, as follows, Chief Engineer One hundred and fifty dollars—Hosemen Twelve$\frac{50}{100}$ dollars each ; all others seven$\frac{50}{100}$ dollars each.

Articles 28 & 29 relating to the locating of an Engine in District No. 2 and at the village of Northville. In relation to these articles the Board have duly considered the request of the Petitioners, and have unanimously come to the conclusion that the location of an Engine at either or both of these places by taking them from the Centre District would be inexpedient at this time. In coming to this conclusion the Board assumed the ground that in consequence of the introduction of water from Bell Pond into the Centre District the Petitioners contemplated that one or more Engines might be dispensed with. But the Board taking into consideration that a large portion of the village does not come within range of the Hydrants, deem it unsafe to remove any of the Engines from the District.

All which is respectfully submitted per order of the Board of Engineers W. Fire Department. Joel Wilder, Chief Engineer."

Worcester April 26, 1846.

Article 26. The Committee, chosen on the 2d ult°. to take into consideration the subject matter of this article, made a report, which was read by their Chairman, and is in the words following, to wit :

"The Committee to *which* was referred at the last annual March meeting the 26th article in the Warrant, have attended to the duty assigned them, and Report—That they find Union St. was located over a strip of land belonging to C. G. Prentice and another —and that Mr. Prentice had no legal notice of the laying out of said street, and if he has any legal claim it is on the town instead of individuals.

Your Committee are of opinion Mr. Prentice has sustained no damage. John F. Pond, for the Committee.

April 6, 1846.

Voted to accept the foregoing report.

Voted, that this meeting be now adjourned to Monday, the twenty seventh day of April, current, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, holden at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, this sixth day of April A. D. 1846 at two o'clock P. M. pursuant to the Warrant therefor, which is recorded on the 276th & 277th pages of this Book [original record], the following proceedings were had, to wit :

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order and read the Warrant for calling the meeting and took up the first article, and

Fred. Wm. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 2d. [Paving Main Street] Voted, that the subject matter of this article be referred to a Committee, to be nominated by the Chair, and to consist of Five persons; and the Chair nominated John F. Pond, Wm. M. Bickford, Henry Goulding, Benj^{a}. Flagg, Eben^{r}. L. Barnard, and they were chosen, and requested to report thereon, at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 3d. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to a Committee to consist of three persons, to be chosen by nomination at large, and Edwd. H. Hemenway, Thos. Chamberlain & John Jennings were chosen, and requested to report thereon. [In regard to setting off a part of District No. 3 into a new district.]

Article 4th. The Board of Selectmen made a report, which was read by the Moderator, embracing the names of One hundred and twenty four persons, which report was accepted, and will be found recorded on [this and the two following pages. Jury list.]

Article 5th. Voted that "the town will exempt members of the Fire Department and Enginemen from serving as Jurors."

Article 6th. Voted, that "the town will grant the use of the Town Hall free of expense to the Workingmen's Association of Worcester, one evening in a week" subject to all the rights which the Worcester County Agricultural Society have, and also subject to any rights which any present occupants have, therein.

Article 7. Voted that the subject matter of this article [to see if the town would pay rent of Armory of Light Infantry and also refund rent paid since July, 1844], be referred to the Board of Selectmen, with instructions and authority to do as they may think right and proper in the premises.

Voted, that this meeting be now adjourned to the twenty seventh day of April, current, at two o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

The Selectmen of the town of Worcester, in compliance with the provision of the Law, having revised the list of Jurors, report the following names—

Horace Ayres	Decr. 2/46	Benj^{a}. Butman	Augt. 31/47
Henry B. Adams	Decr. 18/46	Cyrus Baker	Jany 19/47
Hezekiah Adams	April 18/46	William Barker	May 8/46
Cyrenus Aldrich		Jonas Bartlett	June 16/46

Alvan Allen April 18/47
Joshua M. C. Armsby
Edward Babbitt Sept. 28/48
Benj[a]. Barber
Eben[r]. L. Barnard Sept. 1/46
Stephen Bartlett Aug[t]. 31/47
Wm. M. Bickford Sept. 5/48
Tobias Boland April 27/46
Charles Bowen May 28/46
George Bowen
Ebenezer H. Bowen
Joseph Boyden Nov[r]. 9/48
U. S. Dist. Court
Osgood Bradley Sept. 5/48
John H. Brooks March 2/47
Albert Brown Sept. 30/47
Willard Brown July 21/47
Levi Clapp April 13/47
Josiah Coburn March 6/49
Loring Coes Dec[r]. 7/47
Samuel H. Colton Oct°. 10/48
Joseph Converse July 18/49
Person Cowee June 1/48
Benj[a]. F. Curtis
Joseph Curtis Jan[y] 18/48
Grand Juror
Albert Curtis Oct°. 12/46
Tyler P. Curtis U. S. Dist. Ct.
March 16/47
Moore M. Chaffin Sept. 30/47
Lewis Cutting June 1/48
Charles Davis Dec[r]. 8/46
Levi A. Dowley April 14/46
Silas Dinsmore June 22/47
William A. Draper Dec[r]. 5/48
Rufus D. Dunbar
Edward Earle
Austin G. Fitch April 13/47
Joel Flagg Feb[y]. 1/47
Calvin Foster
William B. Fox March 2/47
Joseph A. Gilbert June 16/46
Henry Goulding April 18/48
John Gates March 7/48
Leonard Gates Dec[r]. 7/47
Adolphus Baylies
Wm. Blackburn
Cyrus Bliss Sept. 28/48
Harrison Bliss Sept. 1/46
Jeremiah Bond
John Boyden Jan[y] 21/47
Lewis Boyden Jan[y] 14/47
Moses T. Breck Mar 7/48
Calvin Brigham Jan[y] 20/48
Amos Brown June 22/47
Ira Bryant Oct°. 1/46
James Campbell Jan[y] 19/46
Stephen Chadwick Jan[y] 20/48
Lewis Chapin Sept. 28/48
Henry P. Howe Dead
John Hammond March 6/49
Benj[a]. Harrington April 27/46
Edw[d]. H. Hemenway Grand
Jury 1849
John Jones April 14/46
Oct°. 10, 1848
Levi Knowlton Jan[y] 18/49
John P. Kettell Oct°. 1/46
Ansel Lakin June 16/46
Edward Lamb March 15/47
Wm. Leggate
Ashley Moore
David S. Messinger May 8/46
Henry W. Miller Dec[r]. 8/46
Mason H. Morse Oct°. 1/46
Charles Nash Dec[r]. 8/46
Charles P. Nichols May 28/46
Thomas Nichols Dec[r]. 18/46
Nath[l]. R. Parkhurst March 7/48
Elbridge G. Partridge Grand
Jury 1849
John F. Pond June 20/48
Joseph Pratt June 1/48
Samuel Putnam
Fred[k]. W[m]. Paine March 2/47
Dexter H. Perry June 20/48
Samuel Perry March 6/49
John B. Pratt
Henry Prentice
Darius Rice Dec[r]. 8/48

Benj^{a}. F. Gleason Jany 8/49
Isaac Goddard April 19/48
Harrison D. Goodnow Decr. 7/47
Brigham Goss Sept. 5/48
Danl. Harrington Novr. 9/48
U. S. Dist. Court
Pitt Holmes
Jeremiah Rogers U. S. Dist.
Ct. March 16/47
Russell R. Shepherd
Elijah Stowe Decr. 2/46
John P. Southgate April 14/46
Oct^{o}. 10, 1848
John Sutton Novr. 9/48
U. S. Dist. Court
Putnam W. Taft Jany 18/49
Danl. Tatman
Albert Tolman Augt. 31/47
Josiah Rice U. S. Dist. Ct.
March 16/47
Draper Ruggles Sept. 30/47
Did not serve drawn June 20, 1848
Tilley Raymond
Sewall Rice
Freeman Upham Sept. 1/46
Benjamin Walker Jany 20/48
David Woodward Sept. 30/47
Henry Walbridge May 28/46
Charles Washburn
Charles White April 18/48
Leonard White Oct^{o}. 12/46
Fitzroy Willard
Amos Wood
Erastus W. Wheeler Apr. 19/48
Lewis Thayer Oct^{o}. 10/48
Ja^{s}. S. Woodworth

Which is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the town By order of the Selectmen
Worcester April 6, 1846 Fred. Wm. Paine, Chairman.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town holden at the Town Hall on Monday this twenty seventh day of April A. D. 1846 at 2 o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the sixth day of April, current, the following proceedings were had ; to wit.

F. W. Paine called the meeting to order and took up

Article 2d in the Warrant ; under which, the Committee, chosen on said sixth day of April current, made a report which was read by the Chairman and is as follows, to wit :

"The Committee appointed at the April meeting to report on the *probable* expense of Paving Main Street, submit the following Report—The Committee found much difference of opinion as to the southern termination of Main Street—Of those they sought information on the subject, some were of opinion that the southern termination was at Leicester line—others defined its location much further northerly—scarce any two agreeing on one point—but your Committee to follow in the wake of the Oregon question decided to settle down to 49.

It was therefore decided to make the estimate on the expense of Paving within the following limits, viz. from the N. W. corner

of the Town Hall and the paved gutter the corner of Salisbury block.

The distance between these points is 3008 feet, and within the Curbstones or on the line thereof there is 21497 square yards, of which 2910 square yards are now paved with Gutters, and 761 square yards are occupied by cross walks.

The foregoing estimate extends to the bank wall in front of said [block?], that being deducted the number of square yards would be reduced to 20805 instead of 21497 as before stated.

And your Committee are unanimously of opinion that it will cost Twelve thousand five hundred dollars to accomplish the work in a thorough manner. All which is respectfully submitted,

Worcester April 27, 1846 John F. Pond, for the Committee.

Otis Corbett moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed to the next annual March meeting, which motion was negatived.

A. D. Foster then moved its indefinite postponement, which was also negatived—after considerable debate its indefinite postponement was again moved and carried in the affirmative.

Article 3d. E. H. Hemenway, Chairman of a Committee chosen on the sixth instant, made a report, which is in the words following, to wit :—

"The Committee to whom was refered the subject matter of the 3d article in the Warrant for the April meeting, which is to act upon the petition of Halsey Hill and others in relation to a division of School District No. 3, ask leave to report: that they are of the opinion that the interest of the Schools in said district, as well as the convenience of a portion of the inhabitants thereof require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. They therefore recommend that the territory lying within the following limits be set off from School District No. 3 as a separate School District to be called District No. 14, to wit: beginning at the southwest corner of the town of Worcester, thence northeasterly by the line of School District No. 13, two hundred rods, thence northerly to the angle in the road about twenty five rods easterly of the old tavern house of John Jones, thence due north to the line of School District No. 2, thence westerly by the line of School District No. 2 to the line of the town of Leicester—thence southerly on line of the town of Leicester to the place of beginning.

And they would further recommend that a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be appropriated by the town for the erection of a School House for the accommodation of the Schools in said

district No. 14, and the purchase of a lot whereon to erect the same.

The number of pupils residing within the present limits of district No. 3, is so large that it will be necessary to employ two teachers should the district not be divided—there have been more than seventy minors residing upon the territory embraced in the contemplated new district during the two years last past, and, there being a considerable water power yet unoccupied, it is not unreasonable to expect a gradual increase of the number.

Edward H. Hemenway
Worcester April 27, 1846 Thoˢ. Chamberlain
John Jennings

Voted, that the report be not accepted.

Voted, that the town build a new School House in District No. 3; to be located by the Board of Selectmen; and that the cost of a lot of land & the house erected thereon, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

Voted, that any further consideration of the subject be postponed to the next March meeting.

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of this town holden at the Town Hall, by adjournment from the second day of March, last, to the sixth day of April current: and from the said sixth day of April, current, to this twenty seventh day of April A. D. 1846, at 2 o'clock, P. M. the following proceedings were had: to wit:

Article 22d, was taken up—Doct. Jos. Sargent, who was chosen on the sixth instant one of a Committee to build new school houses was excused from serving on said Committee at his own request, and Stephen Bartlett was chosen instead.

Article 11. On motion of Benjª. Flagg, the vote, which was passed on the 2d day of March, last, by which the report of a Committee on the subject of building and repairing school houses, was not accepted, was reconsidered: whereupon A. D. Foster offered two votes which he had put in form; which said votes having been read, were accepted by the town, and are in the words following, to wit:

"Voted that the town assume the care of all the School Houses in all the Districts of the town and defray the expenses of repairing as well as of originally building the same.

Voted, that to carry the preceding vote into effect it be the duty of the Prudential Committee in each school district to procure all repairs to be made not exceeding five dollars on each school house; that where in the judgment of said Committee the expenditure of a larger sum than five dollars is required, for any school house, said Committee shall submit the case to the Selectmen, who shall examine, decide and give such directions as they shall judge best; and the Selectmen are hereby authorised to pay all bills for expenses thus incurred."

Voted that the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be added to the amount to be assessed upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants &c. &c. for the purpose of taking off the water from Front Street, as recommended by the report accepted on the Sixth instant.

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester May 7, 1846.

*Mr. John Rice 2d has been appointed Surveyor of Upper Leather for the town of Worcester.

By order of the Selectmen of Worcester,
F. W. Paine, Chairman.

To C. A. Hamilton, Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester.

Worcester May 9th, 1846.

*Mr. John H. Brooks Jr. is appointed a Measurer of Wood & Bark By order of the Selectmen F. W. Paine Chairman.

C. A. Hamilton Esq. Town Clerk, Worcester.

June 29 1846

Forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, per Leonard's Express certified returns of the Births, Marriages & Deaths, which had taken place in this town, for the year ending April 30, 1846

The whole number of Births	was Three hundred & thirteen	313
" " " " Marriages	" One hundred & Sixteen	116
" " " " Deaths	" Two hundred & Seventy three	273

C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

To the Town Clerk of Worcester,

We the subscribers, assessors of the town of Worcester, hereby

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* Sworn.

certify that we have determined that all the Real Estate situated within the limits of the Centre School District in said town owned by either of the persons or Corporations whose names are hereinafter mentioned or who are herein described and who are assessed for the same as non-resident owners thereof respectively in the Town and County Tax for the year 1846, shall be taxed in said Centre District, to wit: Levi Howe, Joel Nourse, Thomas Brayton, Cephas Church, Asa H. Waters, John Earle Jr. Elijah Harrington, James Fitton, Luther J. Clapp, Elijah Gleason, Whiting Gates, Sam[l]. R. Jackson, John H. Willis, Farnum White, Nath[l]. White, Lewis Beach, Luther Taylor, Wm. Bancroft, Horatio Fairbanks, Joseph Griggs, Jared Lamb, Joel Fletcher, Ichabod Tucker, Mrs. H. Rose, J. C. Lee, Trustee of Josephine Rose, George Brinley, Thomas C. Wait, Daniel Denny, George Denny, Albert G. Tarleton, Moses Thomas, Thomas Dunn, Jon[a]. Allen, Heirs of Philip Ammidown, Terence McHugh, David Bennett, Wid. Thaddeus M. Harris, Freeland Converse & others, Nahum Perkins, Elizabeth Goodwin, Benj[a]. Thaxter, Heirs of Moses Wheeler, Edward Lamb, John F. Gambol, Boston & Worcester Rail Road Corporation, Norwich & Worcester Rail Road Corporation, Western Rail Road Corporation, Richardson H. Browning, David D. Warren, Heirs of Cary Howard, Rufus Bullock, James Howard, Joseph G. Warren, Patrick Welsh, Asa Stone, Benj[a]. F. Spofford, James McLane, John B. Harrington, Joab S. Holt, Chester Hastings, Samuel H. Hastings, Eliphaz G. Gleason, George Ellis, Elias Carpenter, Warner Hinds, Jonas D. Johnson, Silas Hill, John Lock, Willard M. Miles, James H. Gerauld, Darling, Hawley, John Clark, Geo. Heywood, Simon Hubbard, Sanford Lincoln, James Carne, Abraham G. Randall.

And we have also determined that the following described Real Estate situated in said town of Worcester, and without the limits of said Centre School District, shall be taxed in said Centre School District, to wit:

A tract of pasture land owned by Cyrus Gale and situated in the northerly part of S[d]. town near the farm formerly owned by Wm. McFarland deceased. A tract of land owned by Luther Burnett Jr and situated near the farm of Oliver & Edward Curtis. The farm owned by Wm. T. Merrifield situated in the northerly part of S[d]. Worcester—A tract of about 30 acres of land being part of the Alden Thayer farm, so called, and owned by Rufus Hastings—A tract of land owned by Harvey Bancroft and Isaac Bancroft situated in the northerly part of S[d]. town & formerly owned by Eben[r]. Mower—A tract of land situated near the intersection of the Western Rail Road and Norwich & Worcester Rail

Road, and the estate lately owned by Rhodolphus B. Hubbard, both now owned by the Providence & Worcester Rail Road Corporation.

And on all other Real Estate situated in said Worcester and owned by non-residents and taxed to them respectively in the Town and County Tax for the year 1846 shall be taxed in the District in which it is located for all monies to be raised & assessed for the benefit of the several School Districts.

E. H. Hemenway } Assessors of the
July 3, 1846 Fred. Wm. Paine } town of Worcester.
Received July 23, 1846 and recorded
C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of [the] Town duly qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, holden at the Town Hall, on Friday, this seventh day of August, A. D. 1846 at five o'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and after having read the Warrant for calling the meeting, took up

Article 1, and F. W. Paine, was chosen Moderator.

Article 2. A good deal of discussion was had upon the manner of rebuilding the Bridge over the Blackstone Canal, in Front Street, and upon the material to be used therefor. It was stated that David Woodward had offered to furnish the stone and build a stone bridge for the sum of $950, and warrant the same for one year.

It was finally voted 53 to 38, that the town would rebuild said Bridge with stone, of the width of the Street; that the Board of Selectmen be a Committee to contract with some person to build said Bridge, and that they superintend the building thereof; and that said Board of Selectmen be authorised to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding One thousand dollars, on the credit of the town, to pay for the rebuilding of said Bridge.

Article 3d. [In regard to the construction of said Bridge.] Indefinitely postponed.

Article 4th. The Selectmen made the following Report, which was read by the Chairman, and is in the words following, to wit:

Whereas Lewis Bigelow, Nathaniel Stowell, Israel Whitney, Wm. B. Fox and others have petitioned the Selectmen of Worcester to relocate the road commonly called Sheep Lane, and to lay it wider than it now is the whole length thereof:

On the petition aforesaid, the Selectmen having given due notice met at the east end of the said Sheep Lane, on Monday the thirteenth day of July instant and viewed the premises and having heard what was offered in relation to said road, it was considered that the interests of the town would be promoted by the relocation and widening of the said road as prayed for by the Petitioners. And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the twenty seventh day of July lay out said road as follows—

Begining at near the east end of said Sheep Lane so called where it intersects with the road leading from Worcester to Millbury past the house of Lewis Bigelow at a point on the west side of said Millbury road, seventeen rods and fourteen links southerly of the south line of land of Lewis Bigelow at which point a stake is driven into the ground; thence north eighty two degrees West, fifty-six rods and three links over land of John F. Pond to the east side of a road leading to Millbury and the road being laid out fifty feet wide south of the above described line partly over land of John F. Pond and partly over land of Samuel Perry and including within its limits the whole of the old road—And no person appearing to claim any damages none have been awarded. And the Selectmen recommend that the said road as above located be established as a town road or way according to law and that the same be ordered to be made the next year on or before July 1st next. All which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Selectmen

Worcester July 27th, 1846. Fred. Wm. Paine, Chairman.

It appearing from the entry of the Town Clerk on said Report that it was filed in the said Town Clerk's office on the twenty ninth day of July last, being seven days and more before this present time, it was voted that the aforesaid report and relocation be accepted, and that the same be established as a town road or way.

Article 5th. The Selectmen made a report, which was read by the Chairman, and is in the words following, to wit:

Whereas Albert Tolman, Benjamin Walker, Wm. Smith, Charles Blair and others have petitioned the Selectmen of Worcester to lay out as a town road the street known by the name of Market Street, begining on Main Street near the Central Hotel and running in an easterly direction to Summer Street.

On the Petition aforesaid, the Selectmen having given due notice met at the Bridge over the Brook or Canal near the Cabinet Makers Shop of Mess. Noyes & Long in the said Street commonly called Market Street or new Market Street on the twenty fifth day

of April last, and viewed the premises, and having heard what was offered in relation to said road, it was considered that the interests of the town would be promoted by the location of a road as prayed for.

And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the twenty fourth day of July instant lay out said road as follows, in two separate portions as follows,

The first portion of said road as thus laid out begins on the east side of Main Street at the northwest corner of land of Samuel M. Burnside on which stands the building occupied by T. W. & C. P. Bancroft—thence on a line with the north wall of said building, south seventy one degrees and thirty minutes east, sixty seven rods and three links to the east side of an open passage way on the east side of the former Blackstone Canal called Canal Street, to a stake driven into the ground—and the said first portion of said road is laid out forty feet wide northerly of the above described line.

And it appearing to the Selectmen that so much of the above described road as reaches from Main Street to the west bank of the former Blackstone Canal was by agreement between Cyrus Stockwell, Isaac Davis and Samuel R. Jackson made an open passage way and which said agreement is recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Worcester Book 304 page 179, and no person appearing to claim any damage for any portion of the above described road, they have awarded none.

The second portion of said road as then laid out begins at a stake driven into the ground at the east end or termination of the east side of the first portion of the road as laid out to the east side of Canal Street, so called—thence south eighty five degrees east five rods and four links partly over an open passage way and partly over land of Samuel Davis to a stake driven into the ground —thence south eighty two degrees fifteen minutes east, eleven rods and four and one quarter links partly over said beforementioned open passage way and partly over land of Charles Whittemore to a stake driven into the ground on the west side of Summer Street. And for the before mentioned open passage way no persons appeared to claim any damage so far as it forms any part of the road which is laid out forty feet wide northerly of the above described line—for the land taken from Samuel Davis he claims the sum of Eight hundred dollars damages and for the land taken from Charles Whittemore he claims that as his whole lot on Summer Street is spoilt by taking taking twenty five feet out of forty four, for damages the whole value of his lot, which he estimates

at five hundred dollars and for which price he offers to convey the whole of said lot to the town.

And the Selectmen recommend that the first portion of the above laid out road be established as a town road or way according to Law and that the Bridge over the former Blackstone Canal be rebuilt with a water way of not less than sixteen nor more than twenty feet and with a width of not less than thirty feet for the travelled part over said stream or canal.

And the Selectmen further recommend that the second portion of the above laid out road be established as a town road or way according to Law—that the damages claimed by Samuel Davis be paid him and that the Selectmen be authorised to take a deed of the whole of the lot of Charles Whittemore over a portion of which the road as laid out passes, and that the said Selectmen be authorised to sell and convey so much of said lot of Charles Whittemore as if taken by the town will not be required to be used in the location of the road as laid out.

And the Selectmen farther recommend that should the town accept the road as laid out in two several portions and order the same to be established as a town road or way according to Law they be authorised to borrow a sum not exceeding Thirteen hundred dollars to pay the damages claimed by Samuel Davis, the purchase of the lot of Charles Whittemore and the expenses of rebuilding the Bridge and making the easterly or second portion of the above described road.

All which is respectfully submitted F. W. Paine, E. H. Bowen, Edw[d]. Earle } Selectmen of the town of Worcester"

It appearing from the entry of the Town Clerk on said Report that it was filed in the said Town Clerk's office on the twenty ninth day of July last, being seven days and more before this present time, it was voted that the first portion of road named in the foregoing report be accepted and established as a town road or way.

It was then voted that the second portion of road named in the foregoing report, be accepted and established as a town road or way.

It was then voted that the whole report be accepted, and that the Selectmen be, and that they hereby are authorised to take a deed of the aforesaid lot of Charles Whittemore, and to sell such portion thereof as is not wanted for the purpose of making the aforesaid street, and to execute a deed of conveyance thereof, and also to borrow a sum of money not exceeding Thirteen hun-

dred dollars to be applied to the purposes specified in their foregoing report.

Article 6. S. Salisbury Chairman of the Building Committee for building two new School Houses, made a report, which he read, and which is in the words following, to wit:

To the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester. The Committee appointed by votes of the town passed on the 6th of April last, to purchase lots for two school houses in the Centre District and to make contracts for building said school houses respectfully ask leave to report:

A formidable impediment starting up at the threshhold of their work compels your Committee to ask the aid of the wisdom and strength of the town—we regret to find that the appropriation is not sufficient to build two such school houses as will be sufficient and satisfactory. Your Committee had no hesitation that the present necessity requires that one of these school houses should be at the north end of Main Street and the other near the south end of Main Street and that each school house should contain two rooms for Infant Schools and one room for a Primary School with all the improvements and convenient arrangements which experience in our best school houses has made not only desirable but indispensable.

The convenience of the inhabitants residing near the north end of Main Street strongly recommended the location of the estate of the Summer Street House, which is otherwise desirable for its retired position and the largeness of its grounds. The yard is more than 240 [feet] long on Summer Street and more than 140 feet deep on the south line of the Antiquarian Society's lot and the east and west lines converge to an angle at the south giving exceeding one third of an acre—the building is a fine structure and its size is about 50 feet square.

A plan was adopted which will give a pleasant playroom and a wood room in the Basement—in the second story there will be a common entry and two clothes rooms each 13 feet 8 inches by 11 feet 8 inches wide—and in the same story two Infant School rooms each 37½ ft. long and 22¼ feet wide furnished with 80 chairs of the most approved pattern—this story is 11 ft. 4 in. high —the second story is 11 ft. 9 in. high and will contain a primary school room 45 ft. long and 31 feet 3 inches wide, with double desks and chairs and arm chairs for 120 scholars—in this story there are two recitation rooms 17½ ft. long and 16½ feet wide.

The cost of the completion of this school house according to

the plan and of grading the lot and erecting fences will require $4,200

the cost of the estate was	4,000
	8,200
deducting cash received for Barns and Sheds sold	267
leaves	$7,933

as the cost of the Summer Street House.

To accommodate the young population living on the west side of the Norwich and Providence Rail Roads, a lot on the corner of Pleasant and Oxford Streets extending 140 feet on Pleasant Street and 120 feet on Oxford was selected and purchased for $1,400. The plan adopted gives a Brick Building 52 ft. long by 50 ft. wide constructed in a plain substantial manner with a slated roof, having a basement 8 feet high and two stories above each twelve feet high.

The basement is divided by a middle wall giving play rooms, wood rooms and sink rooms in each part. The second story has two Infant School rooms each 32 feet long by 23 feet wide with chairs for 80 scholars. Also two recitation rooms, 16½ feet by 10 ft. and two entries which may be used for clothes rooms. The third story has a Primary School room 47½ ft. long and 32½ feet wide furnished with double desks and chairs and arm chairs for 160 scholars. Also two recitation rooms 16 ft. 10 in. long and 14 ft. wide and two large entry rooms for clothes. This plan with the specifications has been offered to contractors and a proposal has been accepted on the condition that the town will authorise the necessary expenditure.

The Pleasant Street lot cost	1,400
The School House thereon with fixtures, grounds and fences will require	8,167
	9,567
The Summer Street School House as stated above will require	7,933
This makes the cost of the two lots and houses	17,500
The present appropriation for two School houses is	15,000

Thus it appears that an additional appropriation of $2,500 will be required for the accomplishment of the work according to the

best and most economical plans, which your Committee have been able to obtain. All which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Committee, S. Salisbury, Chairman.

Worcester August 7, 1846.

On motion of Col. J. W. Lincoln it was Voted that the foregoing report be accepted, and that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorised to borrow in behalf of the town and upon their credit, the above named sum of Twenty five hundred dollars, to be repaid one year after the amount authorised to be borrowed by a vote passed on the sixth day of April last, shall have been paid.

Article 7. [In regard to removing the bodies in the Mechanic Street burial ground and selling said ground.] After some discussion of the subject by A. D. Foster, C. Allen and Peter Johnson, it was Voted that the further consideration thereof, be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, holden at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, this ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, being the second Monday in said November, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, F. W. Paine, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presiding, the whole of the Board being present and assisting, the following proceedings were had, viz.

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and read the Warrant for calling the same.

Article 1st was then taken up, and on motion of Otis Corbett, it was Voted, to choose three persons to represent this town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

Articles 2d, 3d & 4th were then taken up, and the Moderator, directed the legal voters to bring in their Ballots for three Representatives on one ticket & place them in one Box—their Ballots for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor & Senators on another ticket & place them in a second Box & their Ballots for a Representative in Congress & place them in a third Box.

The Ballots having been brought in, assorted & counted, were as follows, to wit:

For a Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred & fifty eight.

George N. Briggs, of Pittsfield, had nine hundred & ninety two.
Isaac Davis, of Worcester, had three hundred & ninety.
Francis Baylies, of Taunton, had one hundred & sixty nine.
Samuel E. Sewall, of Roxbury, had one hundred and sixty three.
David Bryant, of Boston, had forty three.
Edwin J. Howe, of Worcester, had one.

For a Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was Seventeen hundred and sixty seven.

John Reed of, Yarmouth, had one thousand and one.
George Hood, of Lynn, had three hundred ninety three.
Charles W. Moore of Charlestown had one hundred sixty nine.
John M. Brewster, of Pittsfield, had one hundred sixty.
John Allen, of Lowell, had forty four.

For Senators.

The whole number of Ballots was Seventeen hundred and fifty eight.

Stephen Salisbury, of Worcester, had nine hundred & eighty six.
Calvin Willard, of Millbury, had nine hundred seventy four.
Jason Goulding, of Phillipston, had nine hundred ninety one.
Nahum F. Bryant, of Barre, had nine hundred eighty nine.
George Denny, of Westborough, had nine hundred seventy eight.
Otis Adams, of Grafton, had three hundred. ninety.
Francis Howe, of Brookfield, had three hundred, ninety.
Ivers Phillips, of Fitchburg, had three hundred, ninety.
Seth Hapgood, of Petersham, had three hundred, ninety.
Alfred Bragg, of Milford, had three hundred, ninety.
Royal B. Hancock of Worcester had one hundred sixty nine.
Elias M. Stillwell, of Lancaster, had one hundred seventy.
Samuel Harrington, of Grafton, had one hundred, seventy.
William Sigourney, of Oxford, had one hundred, seventy.
Seth Alden, of Brookfield, had one hundred, seventy.
James G. Carter, of Lancaster, had one hundred sixty four.
R. B. Hubbard, of Worcester, had one hundred sixty three.
Joseph Griggs, of Millbury, had one hundred sixty five.
Gilman Jones, of Ashburnham, had one hundred sixty four.
Charles Adams Jr., of N. Brookfield, had one hundred sixty four.
Alex^r DeWitt had two. Ira M. Barton had one. Henry Chapin had two. Timothy F. Taft had forty one. Wyman B. Smith had forty one. Richard S. Pease had forty one. Moses Taft had forty one. Paul Whiting had one.

For a Representative in Congress

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred & forty eight.

Charles Hudson, of Westminster, had one thousand and three.
Walter A. Bryant, of Barre, had three hundred & eighty seven.
Seth Alden, of Brookfield, had one hundred and sixty.
R. B. Hubbard, of Worcester, had one hundred and fifty five.
Luther Brigham, of Worcester, had forty two.
Benjamin Goddard had one.

For Representatives to General Court.

The whole number of Ballots was seventeen hundred and sixty nine. Necessary to a choice eight hundred and eighty five.

Alex. H. Bullock had nine hundred and twenty seven.
P. B. Gilbert had nine hundred and nine.
Daniel W. Lincoln had eight hundred and eighty eight.
James Estabrook had three hundred and sixty seven.
Freeman Upham had three hundred and ninety.
Edward Lamb had three hundred and eighty five.
Samuel Foster had one hundred and eighty two.
John F. Gleason had one hundred and eighty four.
Benjamin Barber had one hundred and eighty four.
Austin G. Fitch had one hundred and ninety three.
Charles White had one hundred and eighty six.
Nathan Muzzy had one hundred and seventy seven.
Appleton Fay had seventy two.
Joshua M. Harrington had forty three.
William T. Hildrup had forty one. Samuel Davis had twenty three. Th. Butterfield two. Joseph Pratt one. Willam A. Draper, twelve. J. C. B. Davis, one. Albert Tolman, one. James White, one. Artemas Ward, three. Edward Earle, three. John M. Earle, two. Ira M. Barton, nineteen. John Hammond, three. Alfred D. Foster, one. Samuel Stowell, one. George T. Rice, one. Jonas Bartlett, one. Warren Lazell, one. Walter R. Bigelow, three. William Barber, two. Henry W. Miller, one. Cyrus Lovell, one. S. Salisbury, one. John P. Kettell, one. Benj^{a}. Goddard 2^{d}. one. Ephraim Mower, one. Ichabod Washburn, one. Darius Rice, one.

Alex^{r}. H. Bullock, P. B. Gilbert and Daniel W. Lincoln having a sufficient number of votes were declared to be elected. The returns for Representatives to General Court were also made out.

The Ballots having been brought in, assorted, counted & recorded as on [this and] the preceding pages, declaration thereof was made, and returns, in due form, of the votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Representative in Congress, were made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 6. The Selectmen made a report which was read by

the Moderator and accepted by the town, and is in the words following, to wit :—

"Questions having arisen respecting the right of the town of Worcester to the site which is occupied by the School House in District Number Three, the Selectmen have thought it proper to bring the subject before the town for their directions and now beg leave to present the following as their Report upon this subject.

The town claims to hold the site of the School House in virtue of a deed from David Andrews dated March 10th 1800 conveying to the Inhabitants of Worcester by metes and bounds about forty square rods of land to be held by them so long as the same shall be improved as a "School House Lot." Under that conveyance the town have occupied it ever since, and though the deed from Andrews has only been put upon record last October, it is to be supposed that the town has gained a perfect title by an uninterrupted possession of forty six years.

In the deed from Andrews, the guide board at the crotch of the roads is the point of beginning of the boundary line. About eight years after the date of the deed of Andrews to the town, he made another conveyance to other parties beginning at the same point, viz. the guide board near the School House. The Selectmen cannot by running the lines of these several conveyances, ascertain to the satisfaction of either themselves or other parties, the boundaries of the respective estates. One main difficulty has been to ascertain the situation of the guide board which is made the beginning of both the conveyances as above stated.

Under these circumstances and still with the full conviction that the town have by an uninterrupted possession and occupancy of forty six years, gained a legal title to the land thus occupied, yet as a portion of it is entirely valueless to the town on one part, and that on the other part it is desirable that the town should become the owner of a small piece which appears to the Selectmen to belong to the holders under the second conveyance abovenamed, made by Mr. Andrews, the Selectmen would recommend that a compromise on the basis of mutual concession should be entered into with the other parties, who profess themselves willing to do it.

With this view the Selectmen have consulted with many of the Inhabitants of School District Number three and ascertained what would be satisfactory to them and sufficient for all the purposes of the town, they caused a plan of the site to be made including all the land which in their opinion it would be desirable for the town to retain and which plan is annexed to this report.

The lines on this plan which form the boundaries of the proposed lot where they abut on individuals are as follows. Beginning at a point on the west side of the road leading from Worcester to Oxford which is on a line with the southwesterly side of the School House as it now stands and at a distance of thirty one feet six inches from the southerly corner of the School House—thence running North 48¾ degrees West on land occupied by E. G. Hall, two rods and six links—thence running south seventy seven and a quarter degrees West, one rod and seventeen links—thence North 28 degrees West on land claimed by Martin Wilder and at a distance of forty feet from and parallel with the south west side of the School House as it now is, two rods and eight and a half links—thence running north 28½ degrees East on land claimed by said Wilder, three rods & sixteen links to the road leading from Worcester to Leicester. The other sides of the proposed lot are bounded by the public roads.

And the Selectmen recommend that the town authorise the Selectmen of the Town for the time being to pass deeds of quitclaim to all their interest in any land lying East, South or West of the before described line, to such persons as are the legal owners of the lands adjoining said line and who are willing to pass deeds of quitclaim to the Inhabitants of the town of all their interest in any land lying West, North or East of the said line and adjoining or bounded on the roads leading to Oxford or Leicester.

And if this arrangement cannot be made with the separate several claimants of the disputed land, the Selectmen then recommend that the Selectmen of the town for the time being be authorised and directed to defend at Law the rights of the town to all the lands they claim by virtue of a deed from David Andrews and to all the land they have heretofore occupied as a School House Lot in School District number Three, since the granting of said deed of said Andrews to the Inhabitants of the town.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Worcester November 9, 1846 — Fred. Wm. Paine, E. H. Bowen, Samuel Davis, Edward Earle, Jonas Bartlett — Selectmen of Worcester."

Article 7. The Selectmen made a report, and the same having been filed in the Town Clerk's office, on the 26th ult°. being more than seven days prior to this meeting, was read, and it was thereupon Voted to accept the same.

Said report is in the words following to wit :—

"Whereas Samuel D. Harding, Stephen Bartlett, Richard P. Noyes and others have petitioned the Selectmen of Worcester, to locate and define the boundaries of Front Street in said Worcester in such manner that the limits of said Street may be defined and made of the width of Fifty feet.

On the petition aforesaid, the Selectmen having given due notice, met at the corner of Front and Trumbull Streets on the nineteenth day of October instant and viewed the premises and having heard what was offered in relation to the said Street or Road, it was considered that the interests of the town would be promoted by locating and defining the boundaries of a portion of said street as prayed for by the petitioners.

And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the same nineteenth day of October instant lay out and define the boundaries of a portion of said Front Street as follows.

Beginning at the east end of Front Street in the Centre of Mill Brook where it passes under the Bridge on the north side of said Bridge—thence running north seventy five and three quarter degrees west and touching the southwest corner of the stone store belonging to Timothy Earle, three hundred and sixty five feet four inches to a point on a line with the west side of the house owned and occupied by Richard P. Noyes and at a distance of eleven feet and nine inches from the south underpining of said house, thence north seventy six and one quarter degrees west two hundred and thirty six feet, passing ten feet nine inches south of the south underpining of the brick house formerly belonging to James Whittemore. Thence north seventy five and a half degrees west one hundred and eight feet nine inches to the east line of Spring Street and passing sixteen feet nine inches south of the south underpining of the house formerly of Samuel Rice but now owned by J. McLane, at the corner of said Spring and Front Streets. And the said Front Street is laid out fifty feet wide southerly of the above described line from its eastern end to a point on a line with west side of the brick building owned by Stephen Bartlett, and at a distance of ten feet four and a half inches from the northern underpining of said building. From said last named point the south side of said Front Street is laid out north seventy nine degrees west and runs two hundred and fifteen feet to the east line of Trumbull Street and the corner formed by the intersection of the east line of Trumbull Street with Front Street is eighty four feet five inches from the southwest corner of the Brick house formerly owned by John Hubbard at the corner of Spring Street and Front Street.

And no person over whose land any portion of the road passes appearing to claim any damages, the Selectmen have awarded none, but as the northeast post of the front fence of Stephen Bartlett's brick building stands six inches within the limits of said before described location, and the north east post of the front fence of Charles Boardman's house stands within the limits of the before described location, one foot, the Selectmen have awarded to them respectively the right to keep their fences as they now are untill it becomes necessary to rebuild said fences when they are to be removed from within the limits of said Front Street as now laid out.

And the Selectmen of Worcester recommend that the portion of Front Street as above located and defined, be established as a town way or road according to law.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Fred. Wm. Paine } Selectmen
Worcester Oct°. 24th 1846 E. H. Bowen } of
Jonas Bartlett } Worcester"

Article 8th. [To see if the town would allow buildings which encumber Market St. to remain for the present.] It was moved and Voted "that they do."

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden on this twenty sixth day of December, A. D. 1846, at ten o'clock A.M. at the Town Hall in said Town, in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had, to wit :—

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and read the Warrant for calling the same, after which the

1st Article was taken up, and Fred^{k}. W^{m}. Paine was chosen Moderator.

2d. Article. The Moderator read a Petition of the Directors of the Boston and Worcester Rail Road, in which, among other things, they say ; "The necessity of providing suitable Passenger Stations for the Providence and Worcester, and Nashua and Worcester Rail Roads renders the present period an appropriate one for arranging the union of the existing road on a better system, and for effecting at the same time a concentration of the five railroads in such a manner that they may afford all the facilities of a single system of communication between opposite and remote parts of the Country." "With these views of the importance

of the objects to be attained your petitioners have given a careful attention to the modes in which they can be accomplished." "This object can be attained by a permanent occupation of Mechanic Street, by the erection of a building over it, and by so frequent an occupation of Front Street by the running of Locomotives and Cars across it as will render the continuance of the public travel over it, on a common level with the railroad track, hazardous to human life."

The Moderator also read a remonstrance signed by David Flagg and twelve others "owners and abuttors of the lots and buildings upon Mechanic Street" against the proposed discontinuance of a portion of said Mechanic Street.

On motion of Hon. Charles Allen, it was Voted, that the vote upon the 2d & 3d articles of the Warrant, be taken at three o'clock P. M. and with the understanding that the vote shall be final at this meeting, whatever may be done at any subsequent meeting; which vote was afterwards reconsidered.

After several able arguments in favor of the proposed plans [to raise the surface of Front street so as to carry the travel over the railroad by a bridge, and discontinuing a portion of Mechanic street], both in the forenoon and afternoon, and no arguments being made against the closing of the proposed portion of Mechanic Street, it was

Voted, by a very large majority, "That so much of the town way, called Mechanic Street, as extends from Short Street to the west side of the Freight Depot of the Norwich and Worcester Rail Road Company, be discontinued as a town way, the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Company indemnifying the town and all individuals and Corporations against all legal claims for damages caused by such discontinuance."

Article 3d. Voted, that the town consent to the proposition contained in the third article in the Warrant for calling this meeting, respecting Front Street, provided the work be done to the satisfaction of the Selectmen of the town, and provided that the Boston and Worcester Rail Road Company indemnify the town, and all individuals and Corporations, to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, against all legal claims for damages caused by said alteration."

Article 4th. Referred to a Committee to consist of five persons, to be chosen by nomination, who shall make a report at the next annual March meeting, of an estimate of the expense of Paving Main Street, and of all the particulars in relation thereto; and Samuel

Davis, George Bowen, Charles Paine, George T. Rice, Levi Lincoln, were chosen.

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

February 17, 1847

Stephen Chadwick, Tilly Raymond, William Leggate, and Charles Washburn were drawn to serve as Jurors in a case of Flowage in Millbury between Patrick Riley and Park, Wright & Co.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, holden at the Town Hall, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, on Monday, this first day of March in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred & forty seven, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the following proceedings were had to wit :—

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and read the Warrant, called upon the legal voters to bring in their Ballots for a Moderator of the meeting, under the first article in the Warrant ; the ballots having been brought in, it appeared that the whole number was One hundred and fifteen, and they all were for Frederick William Paine, who being declared elected to be moderator, took his stand.

Article 2d. Voted to choose Five Selectmen.

The Moderator then called upon the voters to bring in their Ballots for a Town Clerk, and deposit them in one ballot-box, and also their Ballots for five Selectmen on one Ballot, and deposit them in another Ballot-Box, while he and others of the Selectmen would proceed to check the names of the voters upon the lists thereof, as the Ballots were deposited.

The Ballots for a Town Clerk having been brought in, as aforesaid, and assorted and counted, it appeared that there were Three hundred and seventy, and that with one exception, they were all for *Charles A. Hamilton.

The Ballots for Selectmen having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number of Ballots was 453. Necessary to a choice 227. Fred. Wm. Paine had 443. Horatio N. Tower 234. Ebenezer H. Bowen had 399. Jonas Bartlett had 442. Albert Tolman 246. James Estabrook had 211.

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*Sworn.

Freeman Upham had 214. Amos Brown had 3. John Boyden had 1. George Bowen had 2. Edward Lamb had 2. James White had one. Edward H. Hemenway had 2. Samuel Perry had 2. Abiel Jaques had 2. Isaac Davis had 1. Samuel Stowell had 1. Benjamin Flagg had 1. James S. Woodworth had 1. James M. Preston had 1. Ephraim Parkhurst had 1 and Ansel Lakin had 1.

The following named persons were declared to be elected viz.

*Fred^{k}. W^{m}. Paine, *Horatio N. Tower, *Ebenezer H. Bowen, *Jonas Bartlett, *Albert Tolman.

Voted, that the Town Treasurer shall also be the Collector of Taxes.

The Moderator then called upon the legal voters to bring in their Ballots for three Assessors, upon one Ballot; for three Overseers of the Poor upon one Ballot, and for a Treasurer and Collector on another Ballot, and place them, respectively, in the three Ballot Boxes presented for that purpose. The Ballots so brought in, were assorted and counted, and were as follows, viz.

The whole number of Ballots for Assessors was 412. Necessary to a choice 207.

Fred^{k}. W^{m}. Paine had 230. Isaac Davis had 237. Horatio N. Tower had 229. Edwd. H. Hemenway had 174. Samuel Perry had 170. Amos Brown had 171. Charles A. Browning had 1. E. P. Brewer had 1. Ichabod Washburn had one. The following named persons were declared to be elected.

*Fred^{k}. W^{m}. Paine, *Isaac Davis, *Horatio N. Tower.

The whole number of Ballots for Overseers of the Poor, was 268. Necessary to a choice 135.

Alpheus Merrifield had 267. Ebenezer L. Barnard had 267. Walter Bigelow Jr. had 267. G. W. Russell had 1.

The following named persons were declared to be elected viz.

Alpheus Merrifield, Ebenezer L. Barnard, Walter Bigelow Jr.

Ebenezer L. Barnard asked to be excused from serving in the office of Overseer of the Poor, and the question was put, by the Moderator, and decided in the negative.

The whole number of Ballots for a Treasurer & Collector was 397. Necessary to a choice 199.

John Boyden had 230. Rufus Rice had 165. Freeman Upham had 1. William Greenleaf had 1.

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*John Boyden was declared to be elected.

Voted, to choose Six Constables, and that the Moderator appoint a Committee, to consist of five persons, who shall forthwith report to the town, the names of six suitable persons for said office of Constables—and John W. Lincoln, Edward Earle, Samuel Davis, Nath[l]. R. Parkhurst and Eben[r]. H. Bowen were appointed as said nominating committee, who, after a short absence, came in and reported the following names, to wit:

*George Jones, *Edwin Eaton, *Asa Matthews, *Frederick Warren, *Levi Jackson, *Benj[a]. B. Otis, and they were chosen.

Voted that the town do not choose any Tythingmen.

Voted, to choose Thirteen Field Drivers, by nomination at large, and *Joseph Lovell, Daniel Cook, *John Hall Jr. *Lewis Chapin, *Benj[a]. F. Stowell, *Daniel Flagg, *Samuel F. Gates, Tyler P. Curtis, Job H. Briggs, *Joseph Jewett, *Hosea M'Farland, *Abram Peaslee, *Lewis Young were chosen.

Voted, to choose Six Fence Viewers, and that the Moderator appoint a Committee, to consist of three persons, who shall forthwith report to the town the names of six suitable persons for said office of Fence Viewers, and Thomas Chamberlain, John F. Pond, and Dexter H. Perry were appointed as said nominating committee, who, after a short absence, came in, and reported the following names, to wit: *Jonas Bartlett, *Benjamin Flagg, *Thomas Chamberlain, Eben[r]. L. Barnard, Amherst H. Hawes, Albert Curtis, and they were chosen.

Voted, to choose five Surveyors of Lumber, who should also be Surveyors of Shingles and Clapboards, and *Horatio N. Tower, *Walter R. Bigelow, Edward Lamb, James S. Woodworth, *Joseph A. Gilbert were chosen.

Voted, that the Selectmen appoint a suitable number of persons to be Measurers of Wood, Bark and Charcoal; a Pound Keeper; and a Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Voted, that the meeting be now adjourned to two o'clock P. M.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the meeting was again called to order by the Moderator, and it was

Voted, that School District No. 1 be permitted to choose their own Prudential School Committee—and that there be chosen one Prudential School Committee-man for each of the other Districts, & for No. 2, William G. Moore, 3, David P. Gates, 4, Luther White, 5, Jon[a]. D. Grout, 6, Seth Fisher, 7, Sam[l]. F. Gates, 8, George W. Rugg, 9, Jon[a]. A. White, 10, Nathan Rogers, 11, Eli Fairbanks, 12, George A. Barber, 13, John F. Boice were chosen.

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* Sworn.

Article 3. The Moderator called upon the legal voters to bring in their Ballots for a County Treasurer, for the County of Worcester; the Ballots having been brought in and counted it appeared that the whole number was Three hundred and thirty two (332) and that they all were for Anthony Chase.

Article 4, [Money for town expenses] refered to a Committee, to consist of five persons, to be chosen by nomination at large, to report thereon, at the adjournment of this meeting, and, John W. Lincoln, F. W. Paine, Edwd. H. Hemenway, Is. Davis, Henry Goulding were chosen.

Voted that the Assessors perform the same duties and receive the same compensation, as they did the last year. And also that they prepare and cause to be printed for distribution to the Inhabitants of the town, a list of all property upon which they may assess any tax, with the name of the person or persons, or corporation whom they have taxed for the same; and that they receive a reasonable compensation therefor.

Article 6. Voted, that the Town Treasurer be the Collector of Taxes—& that the remainder of the article [abatements, etc.] be refered to the Committee of Estimates, chosen under the fourth article with instructions to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 7. The Selectmen made a Report which was read by the Moderator, and it was Voted that the same be accepted, and that they cause the same to be printed for distribution to the Inhabitants of the town forthwith. (which does not allow of my transcribing it hereon, at this time, but it may be found on pages — —)

According to the wishes of the Selectmen expressed in their said Report, it was Voted, that the Board of Selectman for the time being, be, and they hereby are authorised to borrow for the use and upon the credit of the Town, such sums of money from time to time as may be necessary and proper, on temporary loans, in anticipation of the collection of the Taxes for that year.

Article 8. The Committee chosen December 26, 1846, see page — —, made a Report, which was read by Levi Lincoln, and it was Voted, that the Selectmen cause it to be printed with their report. See pages — —. After several motions had been made, lost, carried and reconsidered, the subject was recommitted to the Committee, with instructions to report the estimated expense of McAdamising Main Street; also, their opinion of any other means of improving said Street, with an estimate of the expense thereof; together with the best method of raising the necessary sums of money for paying for the same.

The Report of the Committee chosen April 6, 1846, see page , which was read April 27, 1846, and is recorded on page 293 [original record], the further consideration of which was at that time, postponed to this present time, was taken up, and on motion of John M. Earle it was Voted that School District No. 3 be divided in the manner recommended by said Committee in their said Report, and that the new District set off from said District No. 3, be called and known by the name of School District No. 14.

Article 9. On motion of Thomas Chamberlain, it was Voted, that the Roads and Bridges within the town, shall be repaired in the same general manner, as last year; that is by the Highway Surveyors that may be chosen in the several Highway Districts; they allowing for the labor of a man, or a yoke of oxen &c. the sum of ten cents an hour; and that the Chair appoint a nominating committee to consist of seven persons; who shall report the names of suitable persons for said office of Highway Surveyors, and the Chair appointed Samuel Perry, Samuel Davis, John Flagg, Jabez Rice, Albert Curtis, Edward Earle and Ja^{s}. H. Wall, as said nominating committee, who, after a short absence, came in, and reported the following named persons, to wit:

No. 1. *Samuel Davis, 2. *Sumner Cook, 3. *Jonathan Lyon Jr. 4. *Lewis Chapin, 5. *Wm. Goss Jr. 6. *Daniel Flagg, 7. *Jonas Bartlett, 8. *Curtis Rice, 9. *Jabez Rice, 10. *Ebenezer Jewett, 11. *George A. Chamberlain, 12. *Calvin Brigham and they were chosen Highway Surveyors.

Article 10. That the town pay the sum of one dollar and twenty five cents for each Burial in the Town, as voted the last year.

Article 11. Voted that the Town will take charge of the Clocks of the First and Second Parishes, the current year.

Article 12. Voted that the Selectmen cause a sufficient and proper number of Lamps to be lighted in Main and Front Streets, and in such other Streets and places as they shall think the interests of the Town require, the current year.

Article 13. Voted, that the Town will cause a Bell to be rung at noon, and at nine o'clock P. M. the current year.

Article 14. Voted, that the Town will cause one or more Bells to be rung in cases of alarms of Fire, as the Board of Selectmen shall see fit.

Article 15. Voted, that the Town will not suspend the operation of the Law respecting Killing certain Kinds of Birds.

Article 16. Voted, that the town will authorise the School

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District Committee-men to contract with the Teachers in their respective Districts.

Article 17. Voted, that the Town will accept the 19th, 20th & 21st sections of the 18th Chapter of the Revised Statutes—and that the remainder of the article be referred to the Committee of Estimates, chosen under the fourth article.

Article 18. Voted that the subject matter of this article be refered to the Board of Selectmen, with instructions to report what enlargements, alterations and repairs are needed to meet the wants of the Schools located in the School Houses on Pine Meadow Road and Winter Street, respectively.

Article 19. Voted, that the Town will grant the use of the Upper Town Hall to the Washington Temperance Society of Worcester, one evening a week, for its meetings during the ensuing year.

Article 20. The Selectmen made a Report of their laying out "a Town Road from Main Street at the intersection of Chandler Street, so called, with said Street, and running westerly over said Chandler Street, lands of Abiel Jaques, Wm. Dickinson, D. Waldo Lincoln, Anthony Chase & Charles Allen, and Wm. A. Wheeler, and terminating on the Jo. Patch road, so called, at a point between the foot of the hill west of J. M. Fitch's and the Brook east of P. Bartlett's" which having been filed in the Town Clerk's Office, together with a plan thereof, on the Seventeenth ultimo, was read by the Moderator, and the further consideration thereof postponed to the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 21. Voted to refer the subject matter of this article [improvements to several school houses] to the Board of Selectmen, with the same instructions as were given under article 18.

Article 22. Voted, to refer the subject matter of this article [school house in District No. 9] to the Board of Selectmen, with instructions to report a plan and the estimated expense of the whole matter.

Article 23. Voted, that "the Town will allow the Worcester Brass Band to erect a Stage on the Common, for the purpose of having music one day in the week, after July first next" under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Voted, that this meeting be now adjourned to the first Monday in April, next, at two o'clock P. M.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Worcester held March 1, 1847 present the whole Board, *John Field was appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures. *Samuel Lawton was appointed Pound Keeper. *John Rice 2d, was appointed Surveyor of upper Leather. *Silas Dinsmore, *Edward Southwick, *Samuel C. White, *George A. Chamberlain, *Austin G. Fitch, *Frederick Cutting, *Enoch Flagg, *Arnold Anthony, *Charles D. Howe, *John H. Brooks Jr. *John B. Shaw, *Benjamin Flagg, were appointed Measurers of Wood, Bark & Charcoal for the current year.

By order of the Selectmen of Worcester,

F. W. Paine, Chairman.

To Charles A. Hamilton, Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At the meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town holden on the first day of March current, the Selectmen made a Report, which was read and ordered to be printed ; which having been done, I make the following extracts therefrom ; to wit :

"The receipts in Cash from all sources, which have come into the hands of the Selectmen, have been as follows.

Cash on hand, Feb. 21, 1846, as per ac^{t}. rendered	$804	14
do from State for support of Paupers, 1845	273	91
do do for School Money "	378	69
do do for Militia money	466	50
do for Rents	334	97
do for sundry items	126	63
do for note & interest	184	86
do from County for Floating Bridge	500	00
do Permanent loan from Wor. Co. Ins^{t}. for Savings	6,000	
do Temporary do do do	5,400	
do from J. Rice, Collector, as per a/c rendered	36,685	06
do " S. Bartlett do do	30	56
	$54,185	32

The expenditures by the Selectmen have been as follows :

Repayment of temporary loans, 1845	$4,683	92
Interest on temporary loans	275	28
do permanent do	1,505	
Overseers of the Poor	2,171	21
Insurance on Public Buildings	114	25
Funerals to January 1, 1847	175	25
Ringing Bells	40	

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Care of Clocks 2½ years to September 1845	104 50
do do repairs to " 1846	75
Repairs of District School Houses	128 05
Engine House in New Worcester	700 85
Fire Department, services in 1845	2,481 87
do do 1846	100
do contingent expenses	300
New Hose and Hose Carriages	775 55
Rent of Engineers' room to April 1847	58 80
New School House in District No. 12	460 31
do do " 13	601 70
Damages paid for defect in road	100
Rent of Armory for Guards to Oct°. ult.	50
Worcester Aqueduct Company	500
County Tax 1846	3,193 27
State Tax 1845	914 25
Stone Bridge on Front Street	1,000 —
New road to Long Pond and Floating Bridge	1,710 02
Land damages & Bridge Timber in Market Street	1,218 50
District Schools Appropriation 1842	9 41
do do do 1844	81 19
do do do 1845	1,138 53
do do do 1846	3,601 87
Classical School do 1845 & 46	2,978 87
Roads & Bridges do 1845	403 84
do except district 1, do 1846	1,710 27
do in district No. do do	3,417 14
New School House on Summer Street	7,439 83
do Pleasant Street	5,898 66
Lamps	667 37
Pay of Town Officers, Selectmen & Town Clerk &c.	600 39
Contingencies & miscellaneous	768 43
Balance of Cash on hand	2,082 04
	54,185 32

"The appropriation for the High School was $2,500,—the payments under this head amount to 2,978,,87—of this sum 2073,,21 has been paid for Tuition for the year ending January 1st. Of the remainder, $200 has been paid for taking care of the School House, making fires, &c. A part of the balance was for Coal in 1845, and judging from the bills, most of the remainder should have been charged to the construction of the School House. The report of the Town School Committee, whose orders the Selectmen pay, will doubtless explain this—We are not aware that they

have exceeded the appropriation for the current expenses of the school."

"The vote of the Town contemplated a covered Drain through Front Street, and the appropriation was $750, which, at the time was not thought to be enough. After making the necessary surveys, it was considered by the Surveyor that the desired object would be better effected by grading the Street and making open Gutters from Trumbull Street to the Stone Bridge. This plan was approved of by the Abuttors on the Street, and their doings on this head have been sanctioned by the Town.

"The Selectmen of the town, by several votes passed in 1846, were authorised to borrow the sum of $19,800 for special purposes, viz. for School Houses in District No. 1 $17,500—for Stone Bridge on Front Street $1,000—and for Market Street $1,300. Under this authority they have borrowed of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, the sum of Six thousand dollars, payable in five years, with interest at 5 per cent. The permanent debt of the town at the last report of the Selectmen was $26,450, of which $7,000 bore interest at 5½ per cent. and the remainder 5 per cent. The permanent debt now amounts to $32,450. On the 2d of March, 1846, the temporary debt was 4,633.92. This was repaid when the taxes were collected, but since then a new temporary debt has been incurred of $8,400, which still remains due. By the vote of the town $8,500 was appropriated to the paying of interest and to the reduction of the permanent debt—the interest paid amounts to $1,780,,28 leaving the sum of $6,719,,72 towards reducing the principal. None of the notes forming the permanent debt of the town at the time this vote was passed have been paid, the Selectmen believing they were virtually complying with the orders of the town by not making the new loans to the extent they were authorised to do. We think no additional permanent debt need be incurred, if the town make the usual appropriation for reducing the debt.

The plan of borrowing money temporarily, to be repaid when the taxes are received, has been fully explained in former reports of this Board. Nor would it have been alluded to here, had not a doubt been expressed by some who have loaned money to the town, as to the power to borrow money in this manner for the use of the town. It is necessary every year to anticipate the coming tax for the payment of Highway and School Bills, as well as for many other purposes. We would therefore recommend to the town to give the Selectmen authority, by a specific vote, to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes, whenever the same may be necessary to meet claims on the Treasury."

Due from John Rice, Treasurer & Collector, of the Tax of 1844 $694,,64

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"As the Blackstone Canal has been given up, so far as it lies in this State, it has become unnecessary for the town to support the Bridges over it. The Selectmen have felt it their duty, instead of repairing the several Bridges over the Locks at Israel Whitney's, Quinsigmond Village, and near Perry's Mills, to fill them up, and in so doing, to alter the curve of the road at the two last, which is an improvement that could not be effected before, however desirable it might have been, especially at the Quinsigamond Village. The work is not yet completed or paid for—the expense will be small, and the Selectmen doubt not the town will approve what they have done in this matter. There now remains but one Lock Bridge, viz. that near the Factory of Wm. B. Fox & Co. The Bridge over the Canal on Central Street has also become useless and the Bridges over the Brook on Franklin and and Bridge Streets are now of unnecessary height & length. The one over Franklin Street is nearly seventy feet long. The Board would therefore recommend to the Town to authorise the Selectmen to fill up the Canal on Central Street, and to narrow the Water Way on Bridge & Franklin Streets, in preference to expending further sums of money in repairs which will soon be wanting, especially on the Franklin Street Bridge, which already wants new covering and probably new string pieces in part. Experience has shown that it is economy to make the Town Bridges, where practicable of six inch timber, in preference to using string pieces and planking them across. It has also been found cheaper to use three inch plank than two-inch plank, and in the opinion of this Board, a supply of such plank should be kept on hand. The town having granted permission to the Boston and Worcester Railroad Corporation to Bridge Front Street and close a portion of Mechanic Street, upon certain conditions, it will be well for the town to appoint the Selectmen or some other persons, as their Agents to act in the various matters which will grow out of this permission, if carried into effect, particularly as regards drains and carrying off the water. Whether the proposed plan of the Railroad Company will be carried into operation or not, we have no certain information.

It will be remembered that considerable excitement was shown when a proposition was laid before the town for removing the Dead from the Mechanic Street Burial Ground, and converting the

spot to other uses. The state of that place of Interment, as well as of the one on the Common, was commented upon with much severity by some, and not without reason. At various times the Selectmen have caused the Bushes on the Mechanic Street Ground to be mown, but to do more, they believed they had no authority. It is evident that more care should be bestowed on them, for, in their present state, they are no honor to the Town. In the Burial Ground on the Common, many of the Grave Stones have fallen down, many are broken and defaced. Time and violence have effaced the inscriptions on some, and they can no longer be regarded as mementos of any individual, and should it be sought to re-erect the fallen ones, no record exists to show the spot where they should stand. Something should be done, but what, the Selectmen are not prepared to say. Perhaps nothing better than to give the Selectmen authority to keep them clear of Bushes and Weeds, and to remove such stones as, from the causes abovementioned, have lost their character as memorials of the Dead."

"At the last annual meeting, an action against the Town was pending, brought by Mr. John H. Brooks, to recover damages sustained by him for an alleged defect in the railing on the Bridge on Grove Street. The Jury could not agree, although the evidence was of that character, which, had not the Town been a party, would and ought to have resulted in a verdict in their favor, and had the verdict been against the town, there is no doubt the Court would have granted a new trial. The case still remains on the list for another trial, and the present Board are of opinion that the next Board should be directed by the town to defend it."

Number of minors in each School District.

No. 1	4,035	No. 4	94	No. 7	100
" 2	125	" 5	105	" 8	78
" 3	272	" 6	57	" 9	98
" 10	63	" 11	53	" 12	94
		" 13	71		

In all 5,245 Each minor drew 1,,00.6 and part of a mill.

By order of the Selectmen,

Worcester, March 1st, 1847. F. W. Paine, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was refered an article in the Warrant for the last town meeting, in the following words, to wit: "To see if the town will cause any or all of Main Street to be paved" respectfully submit the following Report (which is in part as follows) . . . . "The Condition of Main Street, at all seasons of the year, except when the earth is covered with snow, has been a subject of very general and loud complaint. In dry weather the dust

therefrom has been intolerable ; and in times of rain the mud has rendered passing, for days in succession, uncomfortable, and to persons on foot, all but impracticable. The process of covering the street with gravel affords but a partial and temporary relief, requiring frequent renewal, and of considerable annual expense in its application. If an effectual remedy can be found for these inconveniences, at a reasonable cost, there can be no doubt that the town should immediately set about it ; and the Committee have looked to find if this desirable end, through any instrumentality of theirs, could be brought to its accomplishment." . . . . "There are, at the present time, three methods of pavement in use. The first, most common and best understood, is that with the round stone ; the second, the square edge block stone ; and the third the wooden block. Of this last there is little occasion to say anything. The experiment with it, where it has been made, both in Boston and New York, has, from its expense and want of durability, been followed with disappointment, and it is understood the construction is generally disapproved of and abandoned. The alternative is now between the *round* stone and the *block* stone paving—and the only question is upon the preference to be given to the one over the other" . . . "The block pavement is described to us as being made of square granite blocks, from 7 to 8 inches thick, 8 to 10 inches wide, and 8 to 14 inches long, laid upon a bed of gravel 2 to 3 inches deep. Its cost in Boston, is about four-fifths more than the round stone pavement. The block pavement however is believed to be more durable, although to this test of time, there has been as yet, little opportunity for observation since its introduction, now only about three years in the City. Of its evenness and smoothness, and comparative comfort in use, the preference is altogether in favor of the block paving. A most intelligent gentlemen, one of the Board of Aldermen, who has had large experience from his official position for several years, as Chairman of the Committee on Paving, in a correspondence which he has most obligingly held with the Chairman of *this* Committee, uses the following emphatic language. "If I were now called upon to decide whether I should use *round* or *block* stones for our streets, I should decide to use *block* on our principal *thorough-fares*, upon the ground, that the difference of expense estimated by the difference of durability, would be more than compensated by the saving to the vehicles and horses, in heavy drafts over the block paving." "I may seem extravagant when I say, that I believe our Truckmen and others, who carry on their carts, trucks and waggons, heavy loads, would be able to pay this difference and save it in the diminished wear and tear of their wheel tires alone—to say nothing

of the vehicles themselves, or the poor beasts which draw them." It is understood that the Superintendent of the Streets, a judicious and well esteemed officer of the City, coincides in the above expressed opinion." . . . "The average duration of round stone paving (writes our respected correspondent) is about 20 years. In our main thorough-fares a less number of years; in those not so much traveled, a greater number. Of course (he adds) I do not mean that partial repairs are not needed within this period, but the time which elapses before a street, well paved, needs to have its pavement *renewed* is *twenty years*." And now, before closing this Report, and in view to the expense which the proposed work, if entered upon, must necessarily occasion, the Committee, as citizens of the town, and *Tax payers* in no inconsiderable proportion, feel called upon to present, in explicit terms, to the wise and thoughtful consideration of their fellow-townsmen, the propriety of connecting with the burden, *if it is to be assumed*, adequate, certain and prompt provision for its discharge. Already the Inhabitants of the town, especially those of the centre, in their various relations, either as belonging to the Municipal Corporation, or as members of the Aqueduct Company, or of the School District, or in connection with other towns as parts of the County, are under heavy responsibilities. The town in its municipal character, owes a debt of nearly *Forty one thousand dollars —Thirty two* of which is upon time, by instalments, and about *nine* upon temporary loans, to be provided for, as it best may be, on demand. The Aqueduct Corporation has a debt of Twenty two thousand dollars. The Centre School District a contingent liability, as is understood, little short of Five thousand dollars; while the town's proportion of the County debt is about ten thousand dollars more—making together an aggregate of about Seventy eight thousand dollars. The annual interest of this sum, and its gradual extinguishment, must constitute no inconsiderable tax, of itself, upon the Inhabitants of the town, for several years to come; and surely, before the burden is increased by new engagements, it must be proper to regard the present disposition, as well as future ability of our fellow citizens to meet it. To incur a debt without providing for its redemption, is no more wise in a community than in an individual; and it can hardly be more just to borrow money by devolving the obligation to its repayment upon those who shall come after us." . . . "Posterity will have their own purposes and responsibilities. The progress of Society will devolve upon each successive generation new and appropriate duties and obligations, even greater, higher, more pressing, it may be, than those of our time. As our Fathers left to us, of this day,

the blessings of Institutions, the fruits of their toils and sacrifices, disembarrassed of the incumbrance of a single farthing of debt, —nay more ; as along with these blessings, we received at their hands, the benefit of a pre-existing fund, of no inconsiderable amount, it surely is the more incumbent on us to take heed to it, that we bind no heavy burdens upon those who, in turn, are to meet the requirements and fulfil the duties of the age in which they live. The Committee, therefore will not refrain from expressing the opinion that if the town now vote to pave the street, a portion of the tax to meet the expense should be granted the present year, and a pledge given to raise the residue of the money at the shortest convenient period.

In behalf and by order of the Committee.

Worcester March 1, 1847. Levi Lincoln."

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday, this fifth day of April, A. D. 1847, at 2 o'clock P. M. the following proceedings were had under the preceding Warrant : to wit :

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and read the Warrant.

Article 1st. F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 2d. The Ballots for County Commissioners & Special Commissioners, had been brought in, assorted and counted it appeared that the whole number for County Commissioners was five hundred ninety eight.

William Crawford of Oakham had four hundred twenty nine.
Jerome Gardner of Harvard had four hundred thirty.
Joseph Bruce of Grafton had four hundred thirty.
Nathaniel Wood of Fitchburg had one hundred sixty nine.
William P. Marble of Charlton had one hundred sixty eight.
Warner Humes of Douglas had one hundred sixty eight.

For Special Commissioners

the whole number of Ballots was five hundred and ninety eight.

Stephen Davis of Oxford had four hundred and thirty.
Jason Goulding of Phillipston had four hundred and thirty.
Gardner Ruggles of Hardwick had one hundred and sixty eight.
Otis Adams of Grafton had one hundred sixty eight.

The votes having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as on the preceding page, declaration thereof was made by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and a return thereof was made out in due form.

Article 3d. No one appearing to speak upon the subject matter of this article [rebuilding bridge in Central street], J. Milton Earle moved its indefinite postponement; which was carried in the affirmative. But near the close of the meeting, it was moved by Isaac Davis, that the vote of indefinite postponement be reconsidered, which was carried in the affirmative. It was then Voted, that the subject matter of the article be refered to a Committee to consist of five persons, to be chosen by nomination at large, to report thereon at the next meeting of the Town; and also to make a report of any and all obstructions to the flowing of the Water in Mill Brook, so called, between the Wire Factory, so called, on Grove Street, and the Factory of Wm. B. Fox & Co. on Green Street, and Isaac Davis, John W. Lincoln, Samuel Davis, Henry Goulding, John M. Earle were chosen as said Committee.

Article 4. On motion of Joel Wilder it was voted that the further consideration of the article [enlarging house of Engine No. 4.] be indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. Voted, that Gun Cotton and other explosive substances of like nature, be kept under the same regulations and penalties that are now applicable to Gun-Powder; and further Voted, that the Town will restrict the quantity to be kept, to one fifth of the weight of Gun Powder, allowed by Law.

Voted, that the meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town, holden at the Town Hall on Monday, this fifth day of April A. D. 1847, at two o'clock P. M. by adjournment from the first day of March last, the following proceedings were had to wit:

Article 2. Voted, to proceed to the choice of Thirteen persons, to be the Town School Committee. Voted that the Moderator (F. W. Paine) appoint a nominating Committee of five, to report the names of thirteen suitable persons, to compose the said School Committee, and he appointed Alfred D. Foster, Isaac Davis, Emory Washburn, Edward Earle and Thomas Chamberlain, who after being out a short time, came in, and reported the following named persons, as said Town School Committee, to wit: William N. Green, Alonzo Hill, Samuel F. Haven, George P. Smith, Charles H. Hill, Albert Case, John Jennings, Warren Lazell, James Porter, John C. B. Davis, George Jacques, Albert Tolman, Charles Thurber.

Voted, that the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing list be

determined by the written Ballots of Yea or Nay. The Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared the above named persons were chosen, there being 28 Yeas and but 2 Nays.

Samuel Davis in District No. 1 and William Goss Jr. in District No. 5, requested to be excused from serving as Highway Surveyors, and they were accordingly excused.

Voted, that the Moderator appoint a Committee, to consist of three persons, who shall nominate some suitable persons to fill the vacancies in said Highway Districts, and he appointed Charles Warren, Horatio N. Tower and John F. Pond, who reported the name of Benjamin Barber for District No. 1, but Mr. Barber declining and being excused, the same nominating Committee were called upon, again and they reported, for Highway Surveyor in District No. 1, the name of *James H. Wall and he was chosen: and for District No. 5 the name of *Benjamin F. Stowell and he was chosen.

Voted, that the person or persons who may be chosen by School District No. 1 to be their Prudential Committee shall be requested, and are hereby empowered to act as Prudential Committee for the Classical and English High School.

George W. Rugg in District No. 8, and Jonathan A. White, in District No. 9, asked to be excused from serving as Prudential School Committee in their respective Districts, and they were accordingly excused—and in District No. 8, Jabez Rice, was chosen —and in District No. 9 Walter Bigelow was chosen and in District No. 14 Edward Curtis was chosen.

Ebenezer L. Barnard, having asked to be excused from serving as one of the Overseers of the Poor, was accordingly excused. The Moderator then called upon the voters to bring in their Ballots for an Overseer of the Poor, in place of Genl. Barnard.

The ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number was 28 Necessary to a choice 15 Henry Prentice had 25 John F. Pond had 2 John M. Earle had 1. Henry Prentice was therefore declared to be elected.

Articles 4, 6, & 17. The Committee chosen on the first ultimo to take into consideration portions of said articles, made a Report, which was read by J. W. Lincoln, and is in the words following; (with the exceptions, that the sum recommended "for District Schools" is increased Sixty dollars on account of the new district which has just been created, and the sum recommended "for Classical & English High School" is increased one hundred and

*Sworn.

fifty dollars upon the request of the Town School Committee.)

"The Committee to whom was refered the following subjects contained in the Warrant for their annual March Meeting for the present year, to wit—"To determine what sums of money shall be raised to defray the necessary expenses of the Town for the current year"—"To determine his (Treasurer & Collector's) compensation, and what abatements shall be made to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within thirty days, sixty days or one hundred and twenty days from the time the tax bills shall have been committed to the Collector, and to fix the time within which all taxes shall be paid" and "What compensation, if any, the town will make for the services of the Fire Department" have attended to the business assigned them and report that they do not think it expedient to change the compensation to be paid to the Treasurer & Collector from that paid the last year ; although the taxes may amount to a larger sum ; yet they think that the change proposed in the collection will reduce the labor and responsibility and will ensure the settlement of his liabilities within a reasonable time.

It is recommended that the town pass the following votes.

Voted, that there be allowed to all persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes within thirty days from the time the tax bills shall have been committed to the Collector, a discount or abatement of eight per centum from the amount of such persons tax, and it shall be the duty of the Collector immediately upon the expiration of sixty days from the time said taxes shall have been committed to him to take legal measures for the collection of *all* taxes which then remain unpaid, unless in any particular case, the Assessors by their written order shall have directed him to suspend the collection of any individual tax definitely set forth in said order, and shall enforce the collection of all other taxes as soon as is practicable, but it shall be competent for the Collector to enforce the payment of any tax at any time within the said sixty days, whenever he shall be of opinion that the tax may otherwise not be paid in consequence of the intended removal of the taxed person from town, or from other circumstances.

Voted, that it shall be the duty of the Collector to deposit from day to day whenever the same shall amount to $100, the monies which he shall receive for taxes in one of the Banks in the town of Worcester which shall be designated by the Chairman of the Selectmen to the credit of the town, which money shall remain therein subject to be drawn out by the order of the Chairman of the Selectmen for the time being for the use of the town. And on the first Monday of February next the Collector shall exhibit his account to the Assessors for settlement, and shall pay over the

whole amount, deducting therefrom the taxes which the Assessors by their written orders shall have directed the suspension of legal measures for their collection, the taxes then in legal process of collection, the taxes which may have been abated by the Assessors and the amount of money which he shall have deposited to the credit of the town. But it shall not be competent for the Assessors to make abatement of any taxes, or grant delay of payment to the Collector for any taxes, unless it shall appear that the Collector shall have fully complied with the direction of the town in relation to the Collection, and has done all in his power to obtain payment previous to that time. This change in the opinion of the Committee commends itself to the favorable consideration of the town as it will ensure the collection of all the taxes within the municipal year and will save to the town a considerable sum which would otherwise be abated.

The Committee would recommend that the same compensation be paid to the Fire Department for their services as was made the last year.

The several sums of money which the Committee think expedient should be raised to defray the necessary expenses of the town for the current year are as follows.

For repairing roads and Bridges	3,600
For new Roads	3,000
For Districts Schools to be divided as last year	6,560
For Classical & English High School, Instruction, Fuel and taking care of the House	2,650
For new School House, alteration & repair of School Houses	1,500
For Principal and Interest of Town Debt	8,500
For Support of the Poor	2,100
For Town Officers—Town Clerk $30 Treasurer Collector 300 Assessors for same duty as last year $350 Chairman of Overseers of the Poor $150 Chairman of Selectmen $200	1,030
For discount and abatement of Taxes	3,000
For Contingent expenses	1,000
For Ringing Bells and taking care of Clocks	125
For Funeral expenses	250
For Oil and taking care of Lamps	700
For pay to Worcester Aqueduct Company	500
For Fire Department—pay of Members 3,031 Contingent expenses 400	3,431
All which is respectfully submitted,	$37,946

For the Committee, John W. Lincoln, Chairman.

Voted, that the votes recommended in the foregoing report be adopted and passed by the town, and that the report be accepted in full, and farther, that the sum recommended therein, to wit, Thirty seven thousand nine hundred and forty six dollars, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the town, and upon such Estates of non-resident owners as may be within the Town and liable to taxation, for the purposes specified in said foregoing report.

Article 7. Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, read by the Moderator, among other things, states, that "the present organization consists of Three hundred and fourteen members distributed as follows, To Engine No. 2, 54 members, No. 3, 55 members, No. 4, 55 members, No. 5, 55 members, No. 6, 49 members, Hook & Ladder Company 35 members. 11 Engineers. Engine No. 2 is located at New Worcester is a good machine with 250 feet leading Hose attached in perfect order. During the past season a good and substantial building has been erected for the use of this Company equal to any belonging to the Department.

No. 3 is located in Goddard's row, and has about 300 feet leading Hose attached; this is the oldest Engine belonging to the Department, and considerably worn, but is in good order and able to render efficient service. To this Company is also attached an Extra Carriage containing 300 feet of Extra Hose.

No. 4 is located under the Town Hall—is a first rate Engine, is in good order, to which is attached about 400 feet of leading Hose; there is also an extra Carriage attached to this Company, and from 3 to 400 feet of extra Hose.

No. 5, is located in Lincoln Square, is a first rate machine, in perfect order, to which is attached about 400 feet of Leading Hose.

No. 6, located in Exchange Street, a very good machine and in good order, but owing to its slender build it costs more to keep it in repair than any other machine belonging to the Department.

Hook & Ladder Company, located at the east end of the Common, in perfect order.

The members of the Fire Department have been called out nine times by the alarm of Fire during the past year. Neither of the fires having occurred within reach of the Hydrants, the Department were unable to avail themselves of the facilities which they afford."

"The members of the different Companies belonging to the Department have during the past year, fully sustained the high

reputation they have hitherto acquired for promptness and energy in the discharge of their several duties; and that union and harmony so necessary to render them efficient, has universally prevailed." Joel Wilder, Chief Engineer,

Worcester April 5, 1847. Worcester Fire Department."

The School Committee made a Report which was read by Warren Lazell. After giving a particular sketch of the state of the several Districts through the last year, the report says (in speaking of the Classical & English High School) "In the report of the School Committee of last year, the following passage occurs, "A question often proposed by visitors, may not inappropriately be repeated here. Many friends from abroad have asked where is the Philosophical Apparatus belonging to this School? Thus far, only the echo has answered, Where." Owing to the very great liberality of one of our worthy citizens, and the untiring zeal and industry of Mr. Smith, the Principal of the School, such a Philosophical Apparatus, as cannot probably be found in any other School House in Massachusetts, and if not in Massachusetts, not in the United States, may be seen on the shelves on the Library room of the Walnut Street School House in Worcester.

The apparatus, so generously presented to the Committee, in trust for the Town, for the special use of that School, by the Hon. Stephen Salisbury, cost, as will be seen by a List of the articles at the end of this report, $750. In addition to Mr. Salisbury's donation, Mr. Smith has generously appropriated the entire proceeds of a course of Philosophical Lectures, delivered by him during the past winter, amounting to $600—for the purchase of additional apparatus; a list of which is also annexed. These, together with several articles of much value, enumerated in a third list, before belonging to the town, which have been absent for a year or more in a neighboring town, but which have since been returned & put in good order, constitute an exceedingly full and valuable apparatus, worth, including a set of outline maps, and a pair of high mounted Globes, furnished by the Committee, over $1,800. It is believed, there is not a more commodious, neat, and comfortable School House, or a more complete Philosophical Apparatus, possessed by any Town in the Country; and the Inhabitants of Worcester, have a right to expect that the excellence of the School, shall be proportionate to the facilities thus afforded." . . . . . "During the past year, the apparatus, as we have seen, has been furnished. The procuring, and arranging of this, made heavy drafts upon the time and energies of the Principal, whose duties were already onerous. These things being done, the Committee

believe and trust, that their successors will be able to give a still more favorable and satisfactory report, of the progress and standing of the School, at the next annual meeting.

The whole number of scholars, that have attended the school during the year, is 213. The whole number of scholars, that have been examined for admission to the school during the year, is 136—of these 99 only were found qualified, or about 73 per cent. of the whole number examined." . . . . "In the admission of scholars to the High School, the Committee have adopted the plan of preparing printed questions, in the various branches in which the candidates were to be examined. This they consider a more equitable mode of examination than by oral questions, and a fairer test of the scholar's true standing. It places the diffident and timid on a more equal footing with the confident and bold ; and saves much time and labor in the examination. These questions, with the answers written by the applicants, are preserved, and bound up, and always open to the inspection of any parent or guardian, who may be dissatisfied with the rejection of his child or ward."

Voted, that the Report of the School Committee be accepted, and that the Selectmen cause the same to be printed.

The Overseers of the Poor made a Report, which was read by the Moderator, and is in part as follows, viz.

"The whole number, who have received assistance from the Town the past year is 402, twenty two of whom were at the Alms House, March 1st, 1846. 136 have been admitted there during the year—123, including nine who have died there, have been discharged, and 35 remain. 244 have been assisted out of the Alms House, including ten who have been supported at the State Lunatic Hospital, and two at the House of Correction.

Of the whole number assisted, 46 have a settlement in this Town —63 belong to other Towns in the State. 32 to other States in the Union. 22 including children are from England—179 do. do. Ireland—11 do. do. Scotland—3 do. do. Germany—42 do. do. Canada—5 do. do. Nova Scotia & New Brunswick—1 from Italy" . . . . The whole amount expended by them (the Overseers of the Poor) is $4,447,,60 as follows—

Expenses of the Almshouse Establishment	$2,038,,11
For Burials of such as were required to be buried at public expense	118,,75
To the Treasurer of the State Lunatic Hospital	783,,16
To the Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor	100 —

For various other purposes too numerous to mention	1,407,,58
	4,447,,60
For supporting and burial of State Paupers	$273,,91
" Sales from the Farm	1,093,,40
From other Towns for supporting and burial of Paupers	318,,45
" Individuals for supporting friends at the State Lunatic Hospital	392,,59

The Overseers have secured the services of Mr. John Farwell and his wife for the coming year, for the sum of $350—they having served the Town very acceptably for the last two years. The produce of the farm the past year, except the crop of hay, and the proceeds from the dairy of which no return was made, was, 175 Bushels Corn—65 do. Rye—190 do. Oats—26 do. White Beans —300 do. Potatoes—100 do. Carrots—30 do. Turnips—12 do. Parsnips—1000 Cabbages—100 lbs. Broom Corn—1500 lbs Pork —3947 lbs. Beef—70 Turkeys—80 Chickens.

Voted, that the Report of the Overseers of the Poor be accepted, and that the Selectmen cause the same to be printed.

Article 8. The Committee chosen on the 26th day of December last, to whom was recommitted their report made on the 1st day of March last, with instructions—made an additional report, in which, among other things, they say, "In respect to McAdamising, to which the attention of the Committee is directed, by the instructions contained in the vote of the town, the Committee learn, upon enquiry, that in its application to a way, over which there is at all seasons of the year, constant travel, by heavy loaded teams, and especially where the surface of the way is level and must be kept nearly flat for the convenience of passing from side to side, and from which, of course, the water does not run by rapid current, the process is neither cheap, nor desirable. Indeed, on all great thorough fares, it requires frequent and costly repairs." "From Col. Hunting, who now sustains the office of Superintendent of Streets in the City of Boston, a gentleman of much general intelligence, & large experience in this particular business, the Committee have received the following information. 1st. That to McAdamize a street, properly, requires a deposite of broken stone, or metal, 12 inches thick on the sides of the Street, and 16 inches thick, in the centre. 2d. That this depth of deposit will require to the square yard, nearly a ton of the metal, at a cost, in the City, for the breaking of the Stone, of one dollar, after the rough stone is furnished, or, the City have paid for it, broken up, fit for

use, & delivered on the Street, from one dollar seventy five cents to two dollars per ton.

As to the *durability* of the work, Col. Hunting expresses his "decided opinion, that it is the most expensive mode of maintaining the streets, of any which the City has ever adopted, as it requires continual repairs to be made every year." He adds, "we have not McAdamised a new street for more than ten years, and in some of the streets, it has been removed, and paved with rough stone. Beacon Street has worn the best of any, but it is owing to the light travel over it. The Block Stone paving has not been in use a sufficient length of time, fairly to test its durability, but long enough to satisfy me, that it will turn out cheaper than McAdamising." Upon the foregoing information, unless the preparation shall be made less expensive here than in the City, it results, that the cost alone, without regard to any other consideration, is a sufficient objection to its adoption. Suggestions have been made, that the street may be covered by a flooring of plank, but to this, the Committee have found no encouragement. . . . The Committee return then, to the alternative of the *round* or the *square edge stone paving*, and of these two modes of making a travelled way, they have expressed all they have to offer, in their former report. The *one* would be more than double the cost of the *other*, while in point of *comfort*, and perhaps also of *permanency*, the advantage is with the most expensive.

In regard to that part of the instructions which requires "the opinion of the Committee, upon the best method of raising the necessary sums of money for paying for the work," the Committee think, that, if the town shall decide upon the undertaking, the *whole sum* necessary for its completion, should be *appropriated*, at once, and as it is quite probable that more than one year would be required for its execution, that about *one third* the sum of the appropriation should be *raised* in the taxes of the present year; and the remaining two thirds, in nearly equal sums, in each of the two succeeding years, with authority to the Selectmen to borrow, in the name and on the credit of the town, in anticipation of the taxes, such sums, from time to time, as the progress of the work shall render necessary."

All which is submitted by order, and in behalf of the Committee,

Worcester, April 5, 1847. Levi Lincoln.

The Committee, with their report, submitted the forms for three votes.

On motion of Edward Earle, the first vote was put and decided in the negative—It was then Voted, to indefinitely postpone the whole subject.

Article 9. On motion of Benjamin Flagg, it was Voted, that the town allow the sum of twelve and a half cents, per hour, for labor on the Highways, the current year.

Article 18. The article, embracing two subjects, was divided; on the first part, it was Voted, that the sum of One hundred and seventy five dollars, be appropriated to altering, enlarging and repairing the School House on Pine Meadow Road. On the second part, it was Voted, that the further consideration of enlarging, altering and repairing the School House on Winter Street, be indefinitely postponed.

Article 20. The Selectmen submitted a Report and plan of the proposed "road from Main Street, through Chandler Street, so called, to near Phinehas Bartlett's"—but as no person or persons appeared to give Bonds to the town for the performance of the conditions prescribed by the Board of Selectmen, relative to the *making* of said road, & any damages for laying out the same, it was Voted, on motion of J. W. Lincoln, that the further consideration of the subject, be postponed to the next town meeting.

Article 21. Voted that the town will make all necessary alterations and improvements to the several Town School Houses, and of the Furniture of the same, and that the Board of Selectmen for the time being, be authorised and instructed to superintend the same.

Article 22. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be authorised and instructed to locate and build a School House in District No. 9. the present year.

Article 5. Voted that the Assessors be instructed to take a Census of the Inhabitants of the Town.

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, holden at the Town Hall on Saturday, this fifteenth day of May A. D. 1847 at 4 o'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the following proceedings were had to wit:—

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order, and after having read the Warrant therefor, took up

Article 1st. Whereupon F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 2d. On motion of John Boyden, it was Voted, that the Highway Surveyor of the Centre District (No. 1) be directed to

grade and put in proper repair so much of Pleasant Street, as lies easterly of the Trench dug by the Selectmen last year, Provided that the whole expense shall not exceed the sum of Six hundred dollars ($600.)

Articles 3d & 4th. The Selectmen made a Report which was read by the Moderator, in which they say, "Although they are of opinion that the several roads and streets refered to in those articles [Laurel, Hanover, Liberty, Prospect and Arch, and Old Market Streets] should be made public streets, they have postponed making any report laying them out" for certain reasons given in said report, which reasons were deem[ed] sufficient, and it was Voted, on motion of J. W. Lincoln, that the farther consideration of the subject matter of the 3d & 4th articles be indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. The Selectmen made a Report defining the south line of a portion of Front Street, and filed the same in the office of the Town Clerk, together with a plan, on the 8th inst. being seven days before this meeting, which report was read by the Moderator, and is in the words following, to wit :—

"Whereas James Estabrook and William Leggate have petitioned the Selectmen of Worcester to locate and define the southern side of Front Street from Trumbull Street to Main Street, in such manner that the limits of said Street may be known and defined.

On the petition aforesaid, the Selectmen, having given due notice, met at the north end of Trumbull Street on the twenty eighth day of April last, and viewed the premises, and having heard what was offered in relation to said Street or Road, it was considered that the interests of the Town would be promoted by locating and defining the boundary of a portion of the south line of said Street as prayed for by the Petitioners.

And the Selectmen of Worcester did, on the same twenty eighth day of April last, lay out and define the southern line of a portion of said Street as follows, viz. . . . Beginning at the east side of Trumbull Street at its intersection with said Front Street, thence running north sixty one and a half degrees West, fifty one and a half feet to the west side of Trumbull Street, to a point ninety six feet, three inches, from the south east corner of the house of Ruth Hathaway--thence in the same direction one hundred and seventeen feet, to a point on the east side of the Street leading southerly past the Meeting House of the First Baptist Society, and which said point is seventy seven feet three inches from the northeast corner of the Brick School House on the Common, and sixty six feet from the northeast corner of the Common Fence. The angle formed by the inter-

section of the last named Street with Front Street, to be rounded back six and a half feet, agreeable to the plan which accompanies this Report.

And no person, over whose land, any portion of the above described line passes, appearing to claim any damages, the Selectmen have awarded none.

And the Selectmen of Worcester recommend that the portion of the south side of Front Street as above located and defined, be established as the boundary of said Street according to Law.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Fred. Wm. Paine, E. H. Bowen, Horatio N. Tower } Selectmen of Worcester.

Worcester May 8, 1847.

Voted, that the foregoing Report be accepted and that the bounds therein defined, be established as the boundary of said Street.

Article 6. After some remarks by several gentlemen, and the Moderator having stated that the Selectmen would not grant any licenses for the purposes specified in the article [theatrical performances] neither did they consider it their duty to prosecute persons for exhibiting without license should such cases occur, it was Voted, to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the subject.

Article 7. [Additional constables] Indefinitely postponed.

Article 8. It was moved that the subject [to convey to the B. & W. R. R. a piece of land on south side of Pine Meadow burial ground] be refered to a Committee to report thereon at the Fall meeting, but the motion was lost, 78 affirmative to 80 negative. It was then Voted that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Voted, that the meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

June 26, 1847 made returns to Secretary of this Com°. of Four hundred and thirty-five Births 435
Ninety-eight Marriages 98
Three hundred and two Deaths 302

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

Worcester July 20, 1847.

To Charles A. Hamilton, Clerk of the Town of Worcester.

Sir, At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen, holden this day,

said Board appointed the following named persons, to be Special Constables, for the term of three days from this date,† in accordance with the provisions of, and to have and exercise the powers confered by the Statute passed the first day of March A. D. 1842, being the 37th Chapter of the Acts &c. of that year, to wit:

*Alvin Allen, *Samuel D. Harding, William C. Whiting, Andrew A. Williams, *Joseph Lovell Jr. Samuel A. Porter, *George W. Wilder, Charles P. Bancroft, *Jonathan Luther, *Henry Earle, *Silas Dinsmore, Peregrine B. Gilbert, John F. Gleason, *Adolphus Morse, *William C. Clark, Fitzroy Willard, *Samuel Banister, Francis Strong.

And you are hereby directed to cause the aforesaid persons to be summoned to appear before you forthwith, to take the oath of office required by the aforesaid Statute.

E. H. Bowen, Albert Tolman, Horatio N. Tower } Selectmen of Worcester.

C. A. Hamilton Esq. Town Clerk of Worcester.

Sir *Mr. Sumner Pratt has been appointed a Measurer of Wood & Bark.

September 8, 1847.

F. W. Paine, E. H. Bowen, Albert Tolman } Selectmen of Worcester.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, holden at the Town Hall, on Monday, this eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, (being the second Monday in said November) at nine o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, (the whole Board of Selectmen being present,) the following proceedings were had, to wit.

The Town Clerk read the Warrant for calling the meeting.

Article 1st. Voted, to choose three persons to represent the town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

Articles 2d & 3d were then taken up, and F. W. Paine called upon the legal voters present to bring in their Ballots for Representatives & place them in one Ballot Box, and their Ballots for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor & five Senators and place them in another Ballot [Box], as their names could be found and checked upon the list of voters.

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* Sworn.

†The occasion was the military funeral of Capt. George Lincoln on July 22d. He was killed at the battle of Buena Vista, Feb. 23, 1847.

The Ballots having been brought in, assorted and counted, were as follows, to wit :

For Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was sixteen hundred & seventy seven.

George N. Briggs of Pittsfield had nine hundred & eighty seven.
Caleb Cushing of Newburyport had four hundred fifteen.
Samuel E. Sewall of Malden had two hundred and four.
Francis Baylies of Taunton had sixty nine.
Charles Warren had one. Edwin H. Howe had one.

For a Lieutenant Governor.

The whole number of Ballots was Sixteen hundred and eighty five.

John Reed of, Yarmouth, had nine hundred and ninety two.
Henry W. Cushman of Bernardston had four hundred and twenty one.
John M. Brewster of Pittsfield had one hundred ninety two.
Charles W. Moore of Charlestown had sixty nine.
Amasa Walker of N. Brookfield had eleven.

For Senators.

The whole number of Ballots was sixteen hundred and eighty five.

Nahum F. Bryant of Barre had nine hundred & eighty one.
George Denny of Westborough had nine hundred eighty five.
Alfred D. Foster of Worcester had nine hundred and ninety.
Alanson Hamilton of Brookfield had nine hundred and ninety.
John Brooks of Princeton had nine hundred & eighty eight.
Otis Adams of Grafton had four hundred twenty one.
Francis Howe of Brookfield had four hundred twenty one.
Ivers Phillips of Fitchburg had four hundred twenty.
Seth Hapgood of Petersham had four hundred twenty one.
Arnold Taft of Mendon had four hundred twenty one.
James G. Carter of Lancaster had one hundred ninety two.
Thomas W. Ward of Shrewsbury had one hundred ninety four.
Charles Adams Jr. of N. Brookfield had one hundred ninety four.
Gilman Jones of Ashburnham had one hundred ninety four.
Edward B. Bigelow of Grafton had one hundred ninety four.
William Sigourney of Oxford had sixty eight.
Elias M. Stillwell of Lancaster had sixty eight.
Samuel Harrington of Grafton had sixty eight.
Nathan Waters of Sutton had sixty eight.
John F. Gleason of Worcester had sixty eight.
Joseph Pratt of Worcester had eleven.
Fitch Winchester of Southboro' had eleven.
Joshua M. Harrington of Shrewsbury had eleven.

Elbridge G. Chamberlain of Petersham had eleven.
George L. Andrews of Warren had eleven. Otis Allen had one.
J. C. B. Davis had one. Charles Allen had one.

For Representatives to General Court of this Com°.

The whole number of Ballots was sixteen hundred eighty seven.
Necessary to a choice eight hundred forty four.

Alexander H. Bullock had nine hundred fifty six.
Peregrine B. Gilbert had nine hundred forty nine.
Samuel Davis had nine hundred sixty five.
J. S. C. Knowlton had four hundred twenty eight.
William Greenleaf had four hundred twenty seven.
Stephen Taft had four hundred twenty six.
Austin G. Fitch had two hundred and six.
Nathan Muzzy had two hundred and four.
Nathaniel R. Parkhurst had two hundred and three.
Benjamin Barber had seventy two.
Jonathan A. White had seventy three.
Benjamin F. Hooper had seventy three.
Appleton Fay had twelve. Wm. T. Hildrup had twelve. Wyman B. Smith had twelve. J. C. B. Davis one. William Harrington one. Levi Lincoln one. Geo. W. Russell one. Thomas Kinnicutt one. Henry Chapin one. Ira M. Barton three.

Alexander H. Bullock, Peregrine B. Gilbert, and Samuel Davis, having the requisite number of ballots, were declared elected.

The Ballots having been brought in, assorted, counted and recorded as on this and the preceding page, declaration thereof was made, and returns, in due form, of the Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor & Senators were made out and sealed up in open town meeting.

Article 4. F. W. Paine was chosen Moderator.

Article 5. The Moderator made a Report, which had been filed in the Town Clerk's [office] on the twenty ninth day of October last, which report is in the words following, to wit:

Whereas, Wm. Jennison, Ichabod Washburn, Joseph Lewis and others have petitioned the Selectmen of Worcester, to view and lay out as a Public Highway an open Passage leading from Main Street to Summer Street and known by the name of Old Market Street.

On the Petition aforesaid the Selectmen having given due notice met at the house of Phinehas W. Wait, Inholder on the first day of May last and having viewed the premises as described in said Petition and having heard what was offered in relation to the

Road petitioned for, it was considered by the Selectmen that the interests of the town would be promoted by laying out the Road described in said Petition as a Public Highway as prayed for in said Petition.

And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the sixteenth day of October instant lay out the Road petitioned for, as follows, viz: Beginning on the Easterly side of Main Street at a Point seven feet three inches Northerly of the North West cornerof the underpinning of the house owned and occupied by Mrs. Sarah Porter and forty three feet southerly of the south west corner of House occupied by Phinehas W. Wait. Thence running south seventy seven & one half degrees East Five hundred feet to a Point on the Easterly side of Union Street which said Point is forty eight feet four inches Easterly of the North East corner of a house owned and occupied by Nathan Muzzy and five feet five inches Northerly of the North West corner of a house on the East side of said Union Street owned by Benjamin Heywood and others. This course is partly over land of Sarah Porter, partly over land of Sally, Eunice and Clarissa Sikes and partly over land of Persons unknown to the said Selectmen. Thence South Seventy five degrees East three hundred & sixty feet to a Point on the West side of Summer Street which said point is Eighty six and one half feet Westerly of the South West corner of a house owned and occupied by Ichabod Washburn and fifty nine feet northerly of the North East corner of a Brick house owned by Henry Goulding. This course is over Mill brook & the location of the Worcester and Nashua Rail-Road and over land of persons unknown to the Selectmen. And the whole of said Road is laid out thirty feet wide and Northerly of the above or before described line. And to Sarah Porter the Selectmen award the sum of two hundred and forty dollars in full of damages for land taken and for the expense of removing the house now standing on the land so taken. To Sally, Eunice and Clarissa Sikes, they award no damages but reserve to them the right to maintain the buildings now on the land as they are and untill the same shall be rebuilt or removed. And no person or persons appearing to claim any other damages for the remainder of the land over which the Road passes, they have awarded none as they believe no one has any legal title to the same it having become the property of the Public by occupation as a passage-way. And the Selectmen recommend that the Town accept the above described Road and order the same to be established as a Public Road or Way and that the same be called Market Street. All which is respectfully submitted,

Fred. W. Paine, A. Tolman, E. H. Bowen, Selectmen of the Town of Worcester. Worcester, October 27, 1847.

Voted, that the town do accept the foregoing report, and order the above described road to be established as a public road or way, and that the same be called Market Street.

Article 6. The Moderator read a Report, which had been filed in the Town Clerk's office on the 29th ult°. and is in the words following, to wit :—

Whereas George Hovey, Hiram Gorham, and others have petitioned the Selectmen of Worcester to view and lay out as Public Highways the streets commonly called Liberty, Hanover and Laurel Streets, and also so much of the Street called Prospect Street as lies between Summer street and the said Hanover Street.

On the petition aforesaid the Selectmen having given due notice, met at the West End of said Prospect Street on the first day of May last, and having viewed the premises as described in said Petition and having heard what was offered in relation to the several roads named in said petition, it was considered by the Selectmen that the interests of the town would be promoted by laying out the several roads described in said petition as Public highways as prayed for in said petition.

And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the sixteenth day of October instant lay out the several streets described in said petition as follows, viz.

Firstly Prospect Street. Beginning at a point on the Easterly side of Summer Street which said point is forty six feet three inches Southerly of the South West corner of Nathaniel Stowell's house on the East side of said Summer Street and seventy eight feet from the North East corner of Oliver Harrington's house on Thomas Street, thence running South seventy three degrees & forty minutes East, two hundred and six feet to a point on a range with the East line of the street called Hanover Street. The whole of this course is partly over land belonging to the inhabitants of the County of Worcester and partly over land the Fee in which is claimed by Wm. Eaton. And the whole of said road is laid out forty feet wide and Northerly of the above described line. The Selectmen have awarded no damages to the inhabitants of the County of Worcester other than that the town shall be at the expense of new setting the wall on the South side of the above described road, whenever the town shall order the said road to be constructed. And they award no damages to Wm. Eaton for the land in which he claims the Fee as they believe he has no beneficial interest therein.

Secondly Hanover Street. Beginning at a point on Prospect Street as above described which point is on the North side of

said street and fourteen feet nine inches from the South West Corner of a house on the East side of Hanover Street owned by A. M. Merrifield, thence running on a parrallell line with the front of said house at a distance of seven feet six inches, North fifteen degrees East, four hundred & Sixty feet to a point in Laurel street so called which said point is twenty one feet Northerly of the North West corner of a house on the East side of said Hanover street occupied by Warren Williams and thirty feet eight inches from the South West corner of the house owned and occupied by Thos. H. Rice. Thence running on a line with the front of said Rice house at a distance of thirteen feet, six inches, North twenty two Degrees East three hundred and forty nine feet six inches to a point on the South side of Arch street so called which said point is eight feet Northerly of the North West corner of a new house or building owned by Russell Fay and forty five feet from the South East corner of a house on the North side of said Arch Street occupied by Tyler Willard. The first of the above courses is over land the fee of which is supposed to be in A. M. Merrifield, W. Lazell, R. D. Dunbar, Henry Goulding and F. W. Paine. The second course is over land the fee in which belongs to F. W. Paine. And the whole of said road is laid out forty feet wide and Westerly of the above described line. And no damages having been claimed the Selectmen have awarded none, nor do they think any of the owners in fee of any part of the land over which the above described road passes have any beneficial interest therein.

Thirdly Liberty Street. Beginning at a point on the north side of Arch street so called which said point is twelve feet six inches Southerly of the South West corner of a house on Arch Street owned and occupied [by] Russell Fay and thirty seven feet from the South East corner of a house on the North side of Arch Street owned and occupied by H. Taft. Thence running North thirteen degrees East Sixty six feet six inches to a point eight feet Southerly of the North West corner of land of Russell Fay. Thence North twenty two degrees & forty five minutes East, six hundred and ninety two feet to a point on the South side of Belmont Street so called which said point is six feet Westerly of the Northwest corner of the underpining of a new house now building by Eli Goulding. The whole of both the courses is over land the fee in which is in Edward Earle, and said road is laid out thirty feet wide from said Belmont Street to the Southerly end of the second described course. Thence gradually widening till it intersects with Arch Street where it is laid out thirty five feet six inches wide. And the whole of said road is laid out westerly of the

above described line. And no person appearing to claim any damages and the Selectmen believing that Ed[d]. Earle nor any other persons have any beneficial interest in the land over which said road passes, they have awarded none.

Fourthly Laurel Street. Beginning at a point on the East side of Summer Street which said point is fifty feet nine inches from the North West corner of a house on the East side of Summer Street owned and occupied by Charles Eager and twenty nine feet six inches from the South West corner of a house on the East side of Summer Street owned by Hiram Gorham, thence running three feet Southerly of and parallell with the South side of said Gorham house and eight feet nine inches from the South side of George Hovey's house, south seventy one degrees and forty five minutes East three hundred and fifty seven feet to a point on the West side of Hanover Street as now laid out, which said point is seventy four feet four inches from the South East corner of said Hovey's house and fifty three feet from the South West corner of a house on the East side of said Hanover Street owned and occupied by T. H. Rice. The whole of this course is over land the fee in which is in F. W. Paine. And the whole of said road is laid out forty feet wide and Southerly of the before described line. And no person claiming any damages the Selectmen have awarded none as they think no one has any beneficial interest in the land over which said road passes.

And the Selectmen of the town recommend that the town accept the first above described road and order the same to be established as a town road or way according to law and that the same be called Prospect Street.

And the Selectmen of the town recommend that the town accept the second above described road and order the same to be established as a town road or way according to law and that the same be called Hanover Street.

And the Selectmen of the town recommend that the town accept the third above described road and order the same to be established as a town road or way according to law and that the same be called Liberty Street.

And the Selectmen of the town recommend that the town accept the fourth above described road and order the same to be established as a town road or way according to law and that the same be called Laurel Street.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Fred. W. Paine, Albert Tolman, E. H. Bowen } Selectmen of the town of Worcester.

Worcester, October 27th, 1847.

Voted that the town do accept the foregoing report and order that the above described roads, viz. Prospect, Hanover, Liberty & Laurel, to be established as public roads or ways and that the same be called Prospect, Hanover, Liberty & Laurel Streets.

Article 7. The Moderator read a report which had been filed in the Town Clerk's Office on the 29th ult°. and is in the words following to wit :—

Whereas Hiram Gorham, Joseph Wadsworth and others have petitioned the Selectmen of Worcester to view and lay out as a Public highway an open passage way commonly called Arch Street, commencing at or near the house of Joseph Wadsworth and terminating on the East side of Summer Street near the house of Ichabod Washburn.

On the petition aforesaid the Selectmen having given due notice, met at the West end of Arch Street, so called, on the sixteenth day of October instant, and having viewed the premises and having heard what was offered in relation to the road petitioned for it was considered by the Selectmen that the interests of the town would be promoted by laying out a part of the road described in said petition as a public road or highway.

And the Selectmen did on the said Sixteenth day of October lay out a part of the road described in said petition as follows, viz.

Beginning at a point on the West side of Hanover Street so called which said point is forty eight feet three inches Westerly of the North West corner of a house or building on the East side of said Hanover Street belonging to Russell Fay and forty four feet ten inches Southerly of the South East corner of a house on the North side of Arch Street so called owned by Anna Brigham, Thence South seventy eight degrees East two hundred and fifty one feet to a point forty six feet Northerly of the North West corner of a new brick house now building on the East side of Carroll Street so called and owned by Barnes and fifty two feet eight inches Southerly of the Southwest corner of a house owned by Joseph Wadsworth. The whole of this course is over land belonging to the heirs of Samuel Chandler formerly of Worcester. And the whole of said road is laid out thirty three feet wide and Northerly of the before described line. And no person or persons appearing to claim any damages the Selectmen have awarded none, as they believe the said road has been an open passage way so long that the public have acquired a right to use it.

And the Selectmen recommend that the town accept the above described road and order the same to be established as a town

road or way according to law and that the same be called Arch Street. All which is respectfully submitted,

F. W. Paine, A. Tolman, E. H. Bowen } Selectmen of the town of Worcester.

Worcester, October 29, 1847.

Voted that the town do accept the foregoing report and order the above described road to be established as a public road or way and that the same be called Arch Street.

Article 8. The Moderator read a report which had been filed in the town clerk's office on the 29th ult°. and is in the words following to wit:

Whereas, Nathaniel Stowell, Josiah Rice, Samuel Perry, Lewis Bigelow and others have petitioned the Selectmen of Worcester to view and lay out as public highways, two several roads named in said petition, the first commencing on the North side of the Road leading by the house of J. F. Pond and near the said house of said Pond and terminating near the intersection of Water and Grafton Streets, and the second commencing on the East side of said Water Street and running Easterly until it intersects with road first named in the petition of said Stowell and others.

On the petition aforesaid the Selectmen having given due notice met at the South end of Grafton Street on the twenty seventh day of September last and again by adjournment of said meeting on the thirtieth day of September last and again by adjournment of said meeting on the seventh day of October instant and having viewed the premises as described in said petition and having heard what was offered in relation to both of said petitioned for roads it was considered by the Selectmen that the interests of the town would be promoted by laying out both roads described in said petition as public highways as prayed for in said petition.

And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the same seventh day of October lay out the road first named in said petition as follows viz.

Commencing at a Stone Post sunk into the ground on the Northerly side of the road leading by the houses of William Morgan and J. F. Pond at a distance of three hundred and forty feet from the North Westerly corner of the house of said Pond and in the direction of North forty and one half degrees West from said corner. Thence North six and one half degrees East one hundred and thirty one and one third rods to a point one hundred and one feet six inches from land of Heirs of J. W. Stiles. And the whole of this course is over land of John F. Pond and Lewis Bigelow. Thence North half a degree West about ninety rods

and eight links to a point on the South Westerly side of the road leading to Grafton and which said point is ninety four feet from the South Easterly corner of the building on the West side of Grafton Street owned by Simeon Burt and known by the name of the "Old Brewery," and eighty eight feet six inches from the South Westerly corner of a house on the East side of Grafton Street owned and occupied by Edwin A. Wood. Of this course twenty two rods & 17/25 are over land of J. F. Pond and the remainder over land set off as dower to Ruth Hathaway widow of Samuel Hathaway late of Worcester deceased. And the whole of said road is laid out fifty feet wide and Westerly of the before described line. And no person appearing to claim any damages for land over which any part of the before described road passes and all the persons interested in said land having passed deeds conveying to each other and the public generally the right of passing and repassing over said before described road, which said deeds are duly recorded, the Selectmen have awarded no damages, except that the town shall support a dry bridge where it now stands for the accommodation of land belonging to the heirs of the before named Samuel Hathaway. [Providence Street.]

And the Selectmen of Worcester did on the same seventh day of October lay out the road second named in the said petition of Nathaniel Stowell and others as follows, viz.

Commencing at a point on the Easterly side of Water Street, which said point is one hundred feet Southerly of the South line of land on the East side of Water Street sett of as dower to Ruth Hathway as before mentioned. Thence running South forty seven degrees East to the angle formed in the first above described road, a distance of about one thousand and seventy feet. And the whole of said road is laid out fifty feet wide and Southerly of the before described line. The whole of which is over land of John F. Pond. And no person appearing to claim damages for land over which said road passes and the said Pond having relinquished in writing any claim for damages none have been awarded by the Selectmen. For a plan of a portion of the before described road reference may be had to the Registry of Deeds for the County of Worcester where the same is recorded, Book 389, Page 645, under the name of Harrison Street.

And the Selectmen of the town recommend that the town accept the first above described road and order the same to be established as a town road or way according to law and that the same be called Providence Street.

And the Selectmen of the town recommend that the town accept the second above described road and order the same to be

established as a town road or way and that the same be called Harrison Street. All which is respectfully submitted,

Fred. W. Paine, Albert Tolman, E. H. Bowen } Selectmen of the town of Worcester.

Worcester, October 15th, 1847.

Voted that the town do accept the foregoing report and order the above described roads, viz. Providence & Harrison, to be established as public roads or ways and that the same be called Providence & Harrison Streets.

Article 9. The Moderator read a report which had been filed in the town clerk's office on the 8th ult°. and is in the words following to wit.

The subject of School houses has usually been brought before the Town by the Town School Committee and it is with reluctance that the Selectmen now come and present a report asking the Town for further accommodation in School district Number One. Nor would they now do it had not the Town devolved upon them the duty of making such repairs in existing houses as they might think proper and advisable.

The Town will recollect that last spring the subject of the School house on Beach Street was brought before them by an article requesting that it might be altered and enlarged so as to meet the increased wants of the population in that neighborhood. The Selectmen then objected to any alteration being made on account of the expense and on the ground that the location was not a suitable one owing to its situation and the small size of the lot, and also because the present building could not be altered to any good purpose The Town acceded to these views and the whole matter was passed over. Since then the matter has been before the Selectmen and they have come to the conclusion that the interests of the Town and the fast increasing population in the District south of Park Street require that a new School house should be built in that neighborhood of sufficient size to accommodate the children who now attend school in Beach Street, and in the wooden school house on the common as well as the increasing population. With this view they have enquired for a suitable piece of ground and having selected one, they named the location to the town committee who after examining the one selected by this board and also others in the same district, came to the conclusion that the one first selected by the selectmen was best for the object they had in view. The lot selected by this board and approved of by the School Committee is situated on the East side of Salem Street, with a front of ninety six feet, and a depth of about one hundred and forty four feet, with a passage

way twelve feet wide on the North and also fronting on Orange Street. The Selectmen obtained the refusal of this lot last June at the price of two thousand dollars. It is believed it would be now worth $2500, and at any rate the price asked for as much land in that neighborhood would be still higher. The Selectmen are aware that the expense of building on this lot will be greater than on other lots examined by the School committee but the near proximity to the Western & Providence Rail Road forbade. their selection of any other.

It may be proper to state as one reason why more school room is wanted, the fact that the number of minors in School district No. one increased the past year over seven hundred and the prospect is that they will increase in that ratio the next year. And in no portion of the District has the population increased faster than in that part which the proposed new school house is intended to accommodate.

Should the town think a new school house is unnecessary as this board have suggested it will become necessary to make extensive repairs in the wooden school house on the common, and also to purchase additional land on Beach Street for the purpose of enlarging that school house—and yet, in one year more they will be called upon to build another school in the vicinity of Salem Street. The views taken by the Selectmen in this subject have been explained to those who have the immediate direction of the schools and their approval has been signified to the Board.

Should the above plan also meet the approval of the Town the Selectmen recommend that the Town give a Committee, to be now appointed by them, authority to purchase the above described or some other suitable lot in that neighborhood, who shall also be instructed to submit a plan and estimate of a suitable school house to be erected at the next March meeting for the approval of the Town.

The Pound on the common has become a nuisance and at the same time is so little used for the purpose it was made for as to have become almost entirely unnecessary, the Selectmen therefore recommend that it be removed to a corner of the burial ground on Pine Street and the stone sold.

All which is respectfully submitted,

F. W. Paine
November 8th, 1847. Jonas Bartlett
Horatio N. Tower

On motion of A. D. Foster, the portion of the foregoing Report relating to School Houses, was accepted ; & it was Voted that the

Board of Selectmen be the Committee therein refered to, with full powers to carry out the recommendations therein contained.

On motion of Wm. Greenleaf it was Voted that that portion of the foregoing Report which relates to the Pound, be recommitted, with instructions to the Selectmen to make farther report thereon, at the next March meeting.

Article 10. The Moderator read a report which was in the words following to wit :

The Assessors of the Town having been directed to take a Census of the population, report that the number of Inhabitants as ascertained by them amount to Thirteen Thousand, two hundred and eighty seven which number is exclusive of the patients in the State Lunatic Hospital and also of all persons in the County Jail, in the Town poor house and scholars in the Manual Labor School and the Roman Catholic College except so far as they belong to or have a home in the Town.

It will be no doubt a matter of surprise to the Inhabitants to find that the population as ascertained by the assessors is no greater. It is not so with the assessors themselves. Experience has shown to some of the Board that it is only by indirect means that even the number of Polls can be ascertained with any proximity to the truth. The number of polls on the tax list of the present year is four thousand three hundred and three. The Assessors call at every house and if the inhabitants were to give all the names in their respective families the correct number would be obtained. Such however is not the case. They obtain at least one quarter of the names on the tax list by other means. The same unwillingness to return names for the Poll tax has no doubt prevented the returns of the population, and the returns of minors to the Selectmen prove that the assessors did not obtain the names of over two hundred heads of families. This is nothing new. For years the returns of the several school districts have been used to correct the lists of polls obtained by the assessors.

The Assessors are of opinion that if the usual mode of estimating the population from the number of polls be adopted, the Inhabitants of the Town would be found to exceed Fifteen thousand. All which is respectfully submitted,

F. W. Paine, Isaac Davis, Horatio N. Tower } Assessors of the Town.

Worcester Nov. 8th, 1847.

Voted, that the foregoing report be accepted.

Article 11. After some discussion, on motion of J. Milton Earle, it was Voted to raise a Committee to consist of ten persons, to be

chosen by nomination at large, to draw up, and present to the Legislature of this Com°. at its approaching session, a Petition for a City Charter: and also to make a draft of an Act, in such form as said Committee shall deem most for the interest of the Town, and use all proper means to procure its enactment; and the following named gentlemen were chosen, viz. Levi Lincoln, Stephen Salisbury, Ira M. Barton, Isaac Davis, Benj^{a}. F. Thomas, Edwd. Earle, James Estabrook, Alfred D. Foster, Thos. Kinnicutt & Eben^{r}. L. Barnard.

Article 12. Hon. Stephen Salisbury read the following Report, to wit:

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Worcester The Committee appointed April 6, 1846 to build two new school houses in the Centre District respectfully present the report of their doings. By several votes of the Town, Stephen Salisbury, Levi A. Dowley, Ichabod Washburn, Samuel Davis and Stephen Bartlett were appointed a Committee with authority "to select and purchase lots for said School Houses;" and were empowered "to procure plans and make contracts for building said Houses, and to superintend the erection thereof, at an expense not exceeding in the whole Fifteen thousand dollars—and the locating and building Committee were authorised to use the School lot on Thomas St. for one of the houses and to turn the present house so as to give room if they judged fit." "And if said Committee determine the south east corner of the Common to be a suitable lot for the other house the Selectmen had authority to sell or remove the wooden School house now standing there."

Your Committee were decided in the opinion that a new school house at the southeast corner of Common would not conveniently satisfy the demand for increased accommodations at the South end of the District, inasmuch as school accommodations were needed for the large and increasing population in the south west part of the district. Moreover the south east corner of the Common was not deemed a suitable location for a large School house. The proposed addition to the Thomas St. School house would not give the accommodations required for the north end of the District, since the exigency in that quarter was for rooms for Infant Schools and it was manifestly inexpedient to expose feeble Infants to the rough sports of the 1st boys school. After a full examination your Committee were convinced, that larger lots and larger buildings were necessary than had been contemplated, and that a larger expenditure than the appropriation would be required. This result was reported to a meeting of the town held in August 1846 when an additional appropriation of $2500 was subjected to the order of the Committee.

For the north end of the District, the Committee had great satisfaction in purchasing the Summer St. House estate and in preparing it for a use not unworthy of the sacred purpose to which it was devoted by an earlier generation. This purchase gives a large lot of land extending 300 ft. on Summer St. in a retired and beautiful situation. The difficult work of the repair and alteration of the house was performed with good judgment, in a satisfactory manner by Mess. Tower & Raymond. In the basement, there is a large and pleasant play room, very useful for girls and the younger boys, who stay at noon in bad weather. There is also a wood room and a convenient arrangement of a sink, and a pump in a well of good water. The first story has two Infant school rooms, each furnished originally with 80 chairs and now with a larger number, which are filled with nearly 200 Infants radiant in the beauty of bright happy and clean faces neat dresses and gentle behaviour.

The second story has one large room with 120 seats and two recitation rooms which are now occupied by a Boys Primary School.

For the southwest part of the District a lot on the corner of Pleasant and Oxford Streets was purchased. This lot is agreeably situated and its dimensions are 120 by 140 feet. In determining the plan the Committee did not feel at liberty to seek any other beauty, than that, which results from appropriateness and durability. The Brick School House 52 feet long by 50 feet wide, with out-houses desks and all interior accommodations was constructed by Capt. Edward Lamb, with his usual good taste and thorough work. The building contains two basement play rooms and wood rooms with two pumps from a well of good water. The first story has two rooms for Infant schools, each having 80 chairs and a recitation room ; such a room is a very desirable appendage to an Infant school room. One of these school rooms now numbers about 100 scholars on its Register. The adjoining room has not yet been occupied but the multiplication of children in that part of the town and especially in Pleasant St. gives assurance that it will soon be filled. The second story has a large room with two recitation rooms and 160 seats and it is now occupied by a primary school of 150 girls.

The cost of the Summer St. School House is for the estate &c.	$4,003,,70	
Deduct Barn and sheds sold	258,,71	$3,744,,99
For wall grading yard &c		237,,64
Tower & Raymond's a/c of repairing & altering house		2,892,,62
Desks Chairs Blinds &c		644,,28
		$7,519,,53

The cost of Pleasant Street School House is for the lot	$1,398,,73
Grading yard, Plan, advertising &c	42,,87
Edw[d]. Lamb's acc[t]. for Brick School House	7,618,,87
	$9,060,,47

The cost of the two school houses is $16,580 which deducted from the appropriation 17,500 leaving in the Town Treasury an unexpended balance of $920.

It is proper to explain this large difference from the original estimate by stating that instead of an expensive mode of grading the Pleasant Street Lot, which was first proposed the Committee adopted a more economical plan, which left the ground in better form, with a saving of more than $600—and the balance was saved by more favorable prices and a variety of economical arrangements at the Summer St. School House. The account of the Committee with the town is herewith presented for audit and settlement. All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee. S. Salisbury, Chairman.

November 8, 1847.

Voted, that the foregoing Report, be accepted.

Col. J. W. Lincoln read the following report.

The Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of the town of Worcester at a legal meeting thereof on the 5th of April last under the 3d. article of the Warrant for said meeting, and who were directed to report thereon at the next meeting of the town "of any and all obstructions to the flowing of the water in Mill Brook so called between the Wire Factory so called on Grove Street, and the Factory of William B. Fox & Co. on Green Street"—have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following Report.

Between the Wire Factory and Lincoln Square they do not find any obstructions which will impede the flow of the water, the course of the stream has been somewhat changed and the channel made more narrow than formerly for the accommodation of the Nashua Rail Road, but the channel as it now is, is capable of passing more water, than can pass the Bridge at Lincoln Square; the Bridge at Lincoln Square is so narrow as to pond back the water considerably in a high freshet; it is in the same condition that it has been in for about 40 years past, & has been sufficient to pass all the water since the Reservoir was estalished at North Pond. Between Lincoln Square and School Street there appears to be no obstruction to the flowage of the water except three piers to support the west side of a small barn placed partly over

the stream by Henry Goulding. Mr. Goulding stated to the Committee that he had added to the waste way of his dam and had arranged his gates so that he could in a freshet draw down his pond and thereby at this point (within the limits of his pond) pass all the water which could come through the Bridge at Lincoln Square. The Bridge across School Street has three feet more width for the passage of Water than has the Bridge at Lincoln Square but has two arches and [is] of less height; but if Mr. Goulding's gates are raised as he has proposed, and as he would do for his own interest, no difficulty can arise from this obstruction to the flow of the water. From Mr. Goulding's Factory to Thomas Street the channel for the water remains in much the same condition as it has been for the last 40 years—in some places, the walls upon the sides have been pressed in and stones have been thrown in to the channel. Between Thomas Street and Central Street, on land of Hon. Levi Lincoln are some bushes growing whose tops have been bent down into the water and obstruct its flowing—the wall also on one side has fallen down and narrowed the channel, into which also some stones have been thrown, all which could easily be removed. Central Street Bridge is quite too narrow and is badly constructed—between the Bridge & Doct. Heywood's Machine Shop obstructions have been placed in the channel to assist the workmen to clean their castings. Doct. Heywood's building appears to be placed too low to allow the free passage of the water in a high freshet, which is further obstructed by the piers placed in the channel to support the building. What might be the effect at this point if the channel below was of sufficient width and unobstructed the Committee have no means of judging—the last freshet was higher than the floor of the building—from Doct. Heywood's machine Shop to the bed of what was formerly the Blackstone Canal, the channel has two short turns, is too narrow, and is obstructed by piers being placed in it for the support of buildings, all of which must cause the water to pile up considerably—in one place between these points the width of the channel measured only nine feet—at another place eleven feet seven inches—the Bridge across Union Street has an Arch of fifteen feet in width. The Committee were of opinion that between Central Street and Front Street a channel less than sixteen feet in width clear and unobstructed would be too narrow to convey the water in flood season. A new piece of wall recently constructed below Union Street on the north side of the Channel is said to have been placed within the proper course for the water. The Committee would observe that the channel of the stream between Central Street and the bed of the old Blackstone Canal

has been wholly changed within twenty years. But if the owners of the land have made these alterations for their own benefit they should give to the public a sufficient space for the passage of the water of Mill Brook. Upon the east bank of the old Blackstone Canal Mr. Alvin Waite has erected a work shop extending over the centre of the Canal supported on the west side by piers; if the owner of the land on the opposite side of the Canal should do likewise, a very serious obstruction to the flowing of the water would exist. It is regretted that in the construction of the Stone Bridge at Washington Square a different plan had not been adopted; if the sides below the commencement of the arching, had been carried higher and the arch itself more depressed the Bridge would have been stronger & have had greater capacity to pass the water.

An obstruction to the flowing of the water is created below the Bridge by the throwing of Oyster Shells into the channel. Piers have been placed in the stream below Front Street which may somewhat obstruct the flowing of the water; below this point there did not appear to be any obstruction untill we reached the Dam of the Mill Pond of Mess. William B. Fox & Company. We found flash boards on the Dam and it was the opinion of each member of the Committee that a greater head of water was maintained by those flash boards, than was the former height of the dam. But here was no land or water mark of which they had a record which would definitely determine what was its former height. In the absence of better evidence they received the recollections of the senior member of the Committee which is reported for the information of the town, and is as follows—that he was one of the Commissioners for the construction of the Blackstone Canal, and that the work on this part of the line was done under his supervision, that the level of the top of the upper gates of the lock near the dam was the same with the dam as it then was, and as it had been for several years; that after the Canal was completed it was found that in consequence of defects in the Whitney lock the level between these two locks was not kept up, and it was frequently necessary to feed that level through the paddle gates; that in some measure to obviate that difficulty, he spiked on to the dam a two inch plank lying on the same angle with the planking of the dam, and he should think it would raise the water above the former top of the dam from 2¼ to 2½ inches, and this was done for the purpose of turning the water which would have been wasted over the dam into the Canal. That he then claimed in behalf of the Canal Company a right to put this additional height on the dam on the ground that the Canal Company by

cutting out the bars in the channel of the stream had reduced the height of the water in the meadow as it was then called, much more than the addition which was made to the dam; this claim was admitted without objection and the dam remained in the condition he placed it so long as he had any charge of the Canal, which was for several years. The water when the Committee examined is was six and one fourth inches deep on the top of one of the gates and 6½ inches over the other gate of the lock—they then proceeded to the dam to view the flash boards which were composed of several boards in length, over one which was the most narrow, the water was only trickling over, one other was two inches higher than the water—the others were of different widths between those mentioned. The Dam itself has been changed within twenty years, a cap log has been put on, nearly corresponding with the tops of the old timbers which now remain. Better evidence may exist of the proper height of the dam which is not known to the Committee, they have reported all of which they are possessed. All which is respectfully submitted, for the Committee. John W. Lincoln.

Worcester Nov. 8, 1847.

Voted, to accept the foregoing Report; and that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorised and directed to take up, and rebuild the Bridge on Central Street, with a larger space for the water to flow through; and also, that said Selectmen be directed to ascertain the rights of the town as to the Channel for the water to pass in, from the Wire Factory to W. B. Fox & Co's Factory, and that they have those rights enforced.

Voted, that this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town, holden at the Town Hall, on Saturday, this eighteenth day of March, A. D. 1848, at ten o'clock A. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, F. W. Paine, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, (the whole Board being present) called upon the legal voters of the Town to bring in their Ballots, Yea or Nay, to determine whether the Town will accept an Act of the General Court of this State, passed February twenty ninth A. D. 1848, entitled an Act to establish the City of Worcester. The polls were opened at five minutes past ten o'clock A. M. and kept open until fifteen minutes after four o'clock P. M. when, the Ballots having been assorted and counted, it appeared that the whole number was Fifteen hundred and thirteen

Necessary to determine the question	757
There were One thousand and twenty six Yeas	1,026
There were Four hundred and eighty seven Nays	487

Hon. Is. Davis made a motion that the Selectmen be requested to petition the Legislature, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town, for an amendment of the City Charter, which had just been accepted, in relation to the manner of choosing Aldermen, & the granting of Licenses for the sale of Spiritous Liquors; but it being deemed out of the power of the meeting to pass any formal vote upon the subject at the present meeting, the matter was dropt, and the meeting dissolved.

Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

We the subscribers Selectmen of Worcester do hereby certify that at a legal meeting of the several Wards in the City of Worcester held the eighth day of April instant, there were given in Votes for County Treasurer as follows. In Ward number one, One hundred and twenty eight votes—In Ward number two, Ninety three votes—In Ward number three, Ninety three votes—In Ward number four, One hundred and eighteen votes—In Ward number five, Fifty nine votes—In Ward number six, One hundred and sixteen votes—In Ward number seven, One hundred and seventy four votes—In Ward number eight, Seventy seven votes. All of which votes amounting to Eight hundred and fifty eight were for Anthony Chase.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April in the Year our Lord eighteen hundred and forty eight.

F. W. Paine
Jonas Bartlett
H. N. Tower
Albert Tolman
E. H. Bowen
} Selectmen of Worcester.

A Copy Attest C. A. Hamilton, Town Clerk.

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